

Community Impact Assessment

Checklist & Signature Sheet

This should be commenced at the start of the Community Impact Assessment (CIA) process.

Name of Strategy/Policy/Service or Function:	Statement of Principles (under the Gambling Act 2005)
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Please check the following steps have been completed before signing below:

- Sections 1 to 4 completed
- Action Plan completed (where appropriated)
- Notified all relevant Officers/Service Areas/Partners

Signed:

Job Title: _____ Department: Licensing

Date commenced Assessment: 23/07/2009 Date completed: _____

Received by and date received in the People & Policy Team:

Please sign the CIA as indicated above, retain a copy and send a copy of the full CIA, including the Action Plan, to:

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MANAGEMENT ACTION REQUIRED (to be completed by the Head of P&P)

- Referred back to Assessor for amendment. Date:
- Refer to Committee. Specify Committee & Date:
- Considered by Community Impact Assessment & Scrutiny Group. Date:
- Published/made publicly available on. Date

Signed:..... (Head of P&P) Date:
 Date of Review¹:

¹ This date will be set on an annual basis as default for review unless otherwise specified by you.

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Name of Strategy/Policy:	Statement of Principles (under the Gambling Act 2005)	
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Job Title & Location:	Licensing Admin Officer/Planning Enforcement Officer Town Centre Offices	
Department/Service Area:	Licensing	
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Date Assessment: 23/07/2009	Commenced: 23/07/2009	Completed:

1. Impact Assessment – Policy and Target Outcomes

- a) Summarise the main aims/objectives of the strategy, policy, procedure, project or decision (refer to “**Notes for Guidance**” for details).

To demonstrate how the Licensing Authority will administer the Gambling Act 2005.

- b) Is the policy or decision under review (please tick)

New/proposed

Modified/adapted

Existing

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c) Main or intended groups identified as beneficiaries, targets or users of (or affected in any other way) this strategy, policy, project, procedure or decision? Please specify in box below:

- Customers/citizens of the district
- Targeted/specific groups of customers/citizens (indicate below in [d]).
- Elected Members/Councillors
- Internal colleagues/customers or other public authorities e.g. government agencies
- Community Groups/voluntary sector groups or campaign/interest groups
- Staff/employees (in their contractual position) and/or potential employees/trainees.
- Any other stakeholder e.g. trade unions, contractors, suppliers, district partners, public agencies (not directly under Council control), intermediaries representing interest groups e.g. tenants, developers, legal agencies or third parties.

Main beneficiaries:
 The statement of principles is relevant to all residents and businesses with the Borough. The statement is also relevant to licence holders who exist outside of the Borough. The statement will impact on individuals and businesses making applications, making representations, seeking reviews and applying for permits, registrations and notifications. The resultant controls on gambling activities will also impact on visitors to the area participating in such activities.

d) Please detail below specific equality groups who will be the main beneficiaries, targets and users of this strategy, policy, project, procedure or decision, or who will be affected in any other way.

Key equality groups as main beneficiaries or affected in any other way (where appropriate):
 The statement aims to provide information and guidance on the general approach that the licensing authority will take in respect of its functions under the Gambling Act 2005. The statement does not prevent anyone from making an application and having that application determined on it's individual merits.

The statement conveys that the licensing authority will aim to permit gambling at properly regulated premises with proper regard to the licensing objectives. These are:

1. preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder;
2. ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way; and
3. protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

To prevent discrimination against any particular individual or business, the statement makes it clear that the licensing authority will only consider relevant matters and will follow guidance issued by the Gambling Commission.

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The Gambling Act 2005 has a clear objective to protect children and vulnerable persons from being harmed. This objective clearly benefits children and vulnerable persons from the risks and dangers posed by gambling activities.

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e) To assist with the assessment you may need to consider collecting the following information, before completing the table in Section 2:

- NATIONAL DATA e.g. surveys, reports, statistics, etc which point up specific areas/issues.
- LOCAL DATA e.g. demographics, service mapping studies & relevant research.
- MANAGEMENT INFO e.g. data collected for operational/financial or other purposes.
- MONITORING DATA e.g. information already available or collected. For example: disability type, age band, gender, location. (ref. existing LPSIs).
- CONSULTATION/CONTACT DATA e.g. user group feedback, representations, specific consultation events etc.
- CUSTOMER COMPLAINT/FEEDBACK e.g. results of investigations, inquiries, elected member cases, normal complaints/compliments etc.
- Views of LSP Officers, independent externals, contractors/suppliers, partners and academia (if relevant).
- OTHER e.g. frontline employee feedback, other research, experiences of other agencies/local authorities, councillors mailbags/surgeries.

Please detail in the box below, the information you have considered to make this decision/recommendation regarding the communities affected by this.

The Gambling Act 2005 and it's associated licensing objectives.
Guidance issued by the Gambling Commission.

f) Is further consultation, data collection or research still required?

Yes

No

(If yes then complete Action Plan)

Key Actions (note responsible officer(s)):
Consultation is ongoing. The consultation period begins 1st August 2009 and ends on 31st October 2009.

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2. Impact – Evidence

Using the table below please tick whether you have evidence that the policy/strategy/decision has a negative, positive or neutral impact **from an equalities perspective** on any of the equality groups listed below. **Throughout this document please also give consideration to the wider community cohesion impacts within and between the groups identified.**

		Positive Impact – (It could benefit)	Negative Impact – (It could disadvantage)	Reason	Neutral Impact (Neither)
Gender	Women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Men	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Race (Ethnicity or Nationality)	Asian or Asian British people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Black or black British people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Chinese or other ethnic people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Irish people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	White people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Chinese people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other minority communities not listed above (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Disability	Physical/learning/mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sexuality	Lesbians, gay men and bisexuals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gender Identity	Transgender people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Age	Older people (60+)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Younger people (17-25), and children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Gambling Act 2005 specifically precludes persons under the age of 18 from participating in gambling	<input type="checkbox"/>

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		Positive Impact – (It could benefit)	Negative Impact – (It could disadvantage)	Reason	Neutral Impact (Neither)
				activities.	

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		Positive Impact – (It could benefit)	Negative Impact – (It could disadvantage)	Reason	Neutral Impact (Neither)
Belief	Faith groups *	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other Groups (e.g. carers, rurally isolated, gypsies & roma travellers, people on low incomes)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

* Faith groups cover a wide range of groupings, the most common of which are Muslims, Buddhists, Jews, Christians, Sikhs, Hindus. Consider faith categories individually and collectively when considering positive and negative impacts

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3. Impact – Nature/Type

- a) Could you further improve the strategy, project, policy, procedure or decision's positive or neutral impact? If “Yes”, this should be detailed in the Action Plan.

YES NO

- b) You need to think about how you can mitigate any adverse or negative impact(s) of the proposal, or how you might use the policy, strategy, project, procedure or decision to promote a positive impact. You must consider whether you have identified that this proposal has a:

High Impact: that the policy, project or decision will have a high, negative impact i.e. that it may be or is unlawfully discriminating against some groups, you will have to take immediate action to mitigate this.

OR:

Lower Impact: the policy, project or decision will have a negative or adverse impact (that may not be lawful). You will also need to consider what changes you could make to remove this impact.

If you have identified adverse impact you must determine whether you will recommend that the Council should:

- Change the policy/decision, stating what the changes should be
- Revise the policy/decision, stating the revisions
- Consult further if you feel that you do not have enough information.

Actions arising from the impact assessment should form part of the Service Planning Process.

Key Actions:

The legislation is subject to legal safeguards therefore further actions are not necessary.

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4. Impact Assessment - Summary

Key Findings

Please list the major outcomes/results/findings of this assessment in relation to equality which require action by the Council detailing these in the Action Plan at the back at this document. If no specific actions have been identified please detail your key findings below:

Key Findings:
The legislation is subject to legal safeguards therefore actions are not necessary.

5. Impact Assessment – Further Action

Please give the details of the monitoring/evaluation/review process that has/will be set up to check the successful implementation of the policy, project, strategy or decision including improved outcomes/impact and identify the review date.

Evaluation/ monitoring/ review process:
The statement will be reviewed at least every 3 years. Any service improvements will be identified and implemented as part of our normal customer focused approach.

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6. IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACTION PLAN

Please list below any recommendations for action that you plan to take as a result of this impact assessment (refer to Sections 3 & 4).

Issue	Action required	Lead officer	Timescale	Resource implications	Comments

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