

Subject:	Review of Statement of Principles. Gambling Act 2005	Status:	For Publication
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Report of:	Public Protection Manager	Portfolio Holder:	Operations
Key Decision:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Exception	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>
Equality Impact Assessment:	Required:	No	Attached: No
Biodiversity Impact Assessment	Required:	No	Attached: No
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1.	RECOMMENDATION(S)
1.1	That Council formally adopts the Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 for the period 31 st January 2019 to 30 th January 2022.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To inform Council of the recent consultation and proposed amendments to the Statement of Principles as required under the Gambling Act 2005.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- **A connected and successful Rossendale that welcomes sustainable growth:** our priority is to ensure that we are well connected to our residents, key partners and stakeholders. We want to make the most of every pound we spend and we are always looking for new and innovative ways to make the resources we do have, work harder for us.
- **A proud, healthy and vibrant Rossendale:** our priority is to ensure that we are creating and maintaining a healthy and vibrant place for people to live and visit.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- There is a risk of non-compliance with the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005 if the Statement of Principles is not approved.

5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

5.1 The Gambling Act 2005 requires local authorities to produce a Statement of Principles which sets out the Councils approach to licensing premises under the Act. This document should be reviewed every 3 years.

5.2 The current Statement of principles expires on the 30th January 2019.

5.3 A revised Statement of Principles covering the period from 31st January 2019 to 30th January

2022, appended at Appendix A was sent out for consultation between 3rd August and 2nd November 2018.

- 5.4 Two responses were received from the Gambling Commission and Lancashire CC Public Health.(Appendix B), Both these comments will be included in the revised Statement of Principles

The Council should adopt a Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act to provide clarity and guidance to licence holders on the principles to be applied by the councils Licensing unit when considering applications and compliance.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

6. SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 6.1 There are no financial implications associated with the new Statement of Principals attached at Appendix 1.

7. MONITORING OFFICER

- 7.1 All legal implication are covered in the body of the report.

8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 8.1 Consultation on the revised Statement of Principles took place between 3rd August and 2nd November 2018 and was made available for comments on the council's website.

Copies were sent to designated Responsible Authorities as defined by the Gambling Act 2005. This includes;

The Gambling Commission,
HM Revenue and Customs
The Planning Authority
Environmental Health
Directorate for Children and Young Persons
Lancashire Fire Service
Lancashire Constabulary

A copy of the draft Statement was also sent to a number of other interested bodies including gambling organisations and trade bodies.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 requires the licensing authority to prepare and publish a three year licensing Statement of Principles

No background papers