



**Agenda item
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LICENSING AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Tuesday 9 October 2018

GAMBLING ACT 2005: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES – REVISION (LH 10/18)

<p>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Gambling Act 2005 came into force on 1 September 2007.2. The Act required the Council to adopt a Statement of Principles and to update this Statement, following a consultation procedure, by January 2010 and three yearly thereafter.3. Report LH 05/18, presented to the Licensing and Health Committee on 16 July 2018, and proposed a draft statement on which to base a consultation.4. It was agreed that any responses to the consultation would be reported to the Licensing and Health Committee at its October meeting, in order that Full Council can adopt the statement at its meeting in November, ready for publication 31 January 2016.5. This report documents the responses received during the consultation period.
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Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
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Wards Affected:	All Wards within the District
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Cabinet Member:	Cllr. Steve Gallant Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health
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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Gambling Act 2005 replaced most of the existing law about gambling in Britain save that it does not include, within its scope, the National Lottery.

1.2 The Act has three core objectives:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime;
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way; and
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

1.3 Local authorities have responsibility for publishing a three-year Statement of Principles and next revised guidance must be published by January 2019.

1.4 In producing its Statement of Principles the Licensing Authority must have regard to the Licensing objectives of the Gambling Act 2005 and the Guidance for local Authorities issued, and updated periodically, by the Gambling Commission.

1.5 The last edition of 'Guidance to Local Authorities' was published until September 2015.

2. CONSULTATION

2.1 The draft revised Statement of Principles, agreed at the July meeting, was sent out for consultation for an eight week period commencing 23 July 2018 and ending 16 September 2018.

2.2 The proposed changes were notified by means of:

- The Chief Officer of Police.
- The Responsible Authorities named in the Gambling Act 2005.
- Persons carrying on gambling businesses within the district.
- Groups representing vulnerable persons.
- Parish and Town Councils.

3. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

3.1 During the consultation period the Licensing Team received just one email relating to the proposed Gambling Statement of Principles revision.

3.2 GamCare, a provider of information, advice, support and treatment for anyone affected by problem gambling, emailed acknowledgment of receipt of the invitation to comment. They said they were unable to read each and every draft policy but attached some flyers about their work for our reference.

4. HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO THE EAST SUFFOLK BUSINESS PLAN?

4.1 By giving clear guidance on licensing matters to applicants, licensees and the public; promoting economic growth for local businesses whilst enabling the community to make constructive representations should the need arise.

5. FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATION

5.1 None.

6. OTHER KEY ISSUES

6.1 The decision affects the entire district.

7. OTHER OPTION CONSIDERED

7.1 None.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Licensing and Health Committee recommends to Full Council that it adopts the revised Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles (as approved by the Committee on 16 July 2018) at its meeting on 29 November 2018 and for publication on 31 January 2019.

8. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

8.1 To comply with the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005.

BACKGROUND PAPERS.

Draft policy

On the Council's website

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/business/licensing/licensing-policy-consultations/>