



Northumberland

County Council

COUNCIL

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Gambling Act 2005 – Review of the Statement of Principles

Report of the Interim Director of Place: Mr Paul Johnston

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle, Planning, Housing and Resilience

Purpose of report

To consider the revised policy.

Recommendations

To approve the revised policy, as recommended by the Licensing Committee on 23 October 2018.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the enjoying, thriving and living priorities included in the NCC Corporate Plan 2018-2021

Key issues

Northumberland County Council as the Licensing Authority under the Gambling Act 2005 is required to publish a statement of the principles which they propose to apply when exercising their functions under the Act.

The statement must be reviewed and published at least every three years. The Council's current Statement of Principles is due to be republished by January 2019. In preparing the Statement of Principles the Licensing Authority must have regard to the Gambling Commission guidance and must conduct a consultation. The Licensing Committee approved a draft statement in June 2018. A consultation exercise has been conducted on and four responses were received. The responses are attached as **Appendix A**.

Officers have considered the responses and amended the draft statement accordingly.

The amended Statement is attached as **Appendix B**.

Implications

Policy	The Gambling Act 2005 requires the Council as the Licensing Authority to prepare a Statement of Principles (policy) that states its position in relation to its duties under the Act and to guide its work. This review of the statement is in line with legislative requirements.
Finance and value for money	No changes to income or expenditure arise out of the implementation of the new statement.
Legal	As above.
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk Assessment	
Crime & Disorder	One of the licensing objectives under Gambling Act 2005 is preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime
Customer Consideration	There are no additional customer considerations arising out of the revised policy. The policy will be subject to full consultation.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	All

Background papers:

Gambling Act 2005

Gambling Commission Code of Practice

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