



Northumberland County Council

Licensing Committee

DATE: 20th June 2018

Gambling Act 2005 – Review of the Statement of Principles

Report of the Interim Director of Place: Mr Paul Johnston

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

Purpose of report

To seek approval of the Licensing Committee to consult on the proposed draft Statement of Principles for the Gambling Act 2005 which has been prepared in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005 and associated guidance.

Recommendations

Members approve the draft statement for officers to begin the statutory consultation.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the enjoying, thriving and living priorities priority 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. Officers propose a 12 week consultation in line with guidance..

Officers have prepared a proposed draft statement to be consulted on. The proposed statement is attached as appendix A.

The main amendments to the policy correspond with changes to the relevant guidance.

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) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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

Report sign off.

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