



Northumberland

County Council

COMMITTEE: LICENSING

DATE: 26TH OCTOBER 2022

TITLE OF REPORT Gambling Act - Statement of Principles Policy

Report of Philip Soderquest, Head of Housing & Public Protection

Cabinet Member: Cllr Colin Horncastle, Portfolio Holder, Community Services

Purpose of report

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

Recommendations

That Members note the content of the report and intention to undertake consultation, the outcome of which will be reported back to the Committee, at which time any proposed revisions to the report will be discussed and agreed prior to recommending adoption by Council.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the Living and Enjoying priorities included in the NCC Corporate Plan 2018-2021.

Key issues

1. The Council has in place a Statement of Principles Policy which was agreed in January 2019 and is due to be reviewed.
2. 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.
3. In 2018 significant changes were made to the Statement of Principles following updates to the relevant guidance and associated codes of practice by the Gambling Commission.
4. There are no notable changes in the regulations issued by the Secretary of State or guidance by the Gambling Commission that materially affect the current Statement of Principles. Officers are therefore not proposing any significant changes to the

current policy and are proposing to seek the views of consultees as to whether changes are required. The current statement is attached as appendix A.

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.
Finance and value for money	No changes to income or expenditure arise out of the implementation of the new statement.
Legal	The Gambling Act 2005 imposes upon councils a statutory obligation to re-consult on their policy statements every three years.
Procurement	Not applicable
Human Resources	Consultation with the appropriate trade and organisation will require staffing resources
Property	Not applicable
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	One of the licensing objectives under the 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	Before making changes to policy consultation with those affected should take place.
Carbon reduction	Not applicable
Health and Wellbeing	Not applicable. Public health is not a licensing objective.
Wards	All

Background papers:

Gambling Act 2005

Gambling Commission Code of Practice

Report sign off.

Authors must ensure that officers and members have agreed the content of the report:

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