

WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE

7 JULY 2015

SUBJECT:	DRAFT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005
WARD AFFECTED:	ALL WARDS
REPORT OF:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Members approval of the Draft Statement of Principles under The Gambling Act 2005 in order that it may be circulated for consultation and a final Statement be presented to Council for approval on 14 December 2015.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 Since 1 September 2007 the Council has been the Licensing Authority responsible for granting premises licenses in Wirral in respect of:

- Betting premises
- Bingo premises
- Family entertainment centres
- Adult gaming centres
- Casino premises

2.2 As the Licensing Authority, the Council also has responsibility for Gaming Machine Permits, Temporary Use Notices and Occasional Use Notices, as well as the registration of Small Society Lotteries.

2.3 The Gambling Act 2005 requires the Council to prepare and publish a statement of Licensing Principles that the Authority will apply when considering applications under the Act. It is a requirement that this Policy Document be reviewed every three years.

2.4 A revised Draft Statement of Licensing Principles, attached as Appendix 1, has been prepared having regard to the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005 and the Guidance issued by the Gambling Commission.

2.5 A list of consultees is attached in Appendix 2.

2.6 Members are asked to approve the draft document so that it may be circulated for the required three month consultation period. Should Members approve the draft for consultation, the consultation period will commence on 8 July 2015 and end on 7 October 2015.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

3.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 Should Members approve the draft Policy it will be circulated for consultation.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

7.1 The costs incurred in undertaking this consultation will be recovered from Licence fees.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The Council is required to undertake a review of its Statement of Principles every three years. A reviewed Policy must be published no later than 3 January 2016.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

Yes and impact review is attached.

10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no Planning implications arising from this report.

12.1 RECOMMENDATION

12.1 That the Draft Statement of Licensing Principles be approved as a document to be consulted upon so that a final statement can be considered by Council on 14 December 2015 for approval as the Statement of Principles to be applied under The Gambling Act 2005.

13.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

13.1 It is a statutory requirement for the Council to review and consult upon a revised Statement of Principles every three years.

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APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – Draft Statement of Principles
- Appendix 2 – List of Consultees

REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date