

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

**GAMBLING ACT 2005
REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To review the existing Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles for North Lincolnshire.
- 1.2 To agree to refer the reviewed Statement of Principles to Full Council for approval.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Statement of Principles was initially approved by this Committee in 2006 and then reviewed every three years thereafter.
- 2.2 In accordance with Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005, there is a requirement for the Statement of Principles to be reviewed every three years. The revised statement must be agreed by the Full Council prior to January 2025.
- 2.3 The review of the policy has been carried out. A copy of the policy is attached as Appendix A to this report. There were three responses to the consultation, which are attached as Appendix B, C and D.
- 2.4 In accordance with section 154(2)(c) of the Gambling Act 2005 the approval of the Statement of Principles must be authorised by a meeting of the Council and cannot be delegated by the authority.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Option 1 – to approve the Statement of Principles, following the consultation; or
- 3.2 Option 2 – to make changes to the Statement of Principles before approval.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option 1 – The Statement of Principles has been reviewed and comments were received. The comments have been incorporated into the draft policy. Determination of the Policy must be made by a meeting of the Council as this function cannot be delegated.

4.2 Option 2 – The Statement of Principles could be amended; however, this would mean that interested parties would not have the opportunity to make comment on any changes.

5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)

5.1 There are no financial, staffing, property or IT implications from this report.

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

6.1 Statutory Implications – Failure to review the policy in accordance with Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 would mean that the Council would fail to meet its legal requirement.

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 Not applicable

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

8.1 Consultation on the Statement of Principles took place over a number of consecutive weeks. Comments were received which have been incorporated into the draft document.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That Option 1 be approved and the Statement of Principles be submitted to a meeting of the Council for approval.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report – None

Where appropriate the report has been seen and commented on by (☐ or n/a)

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