

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 inform the Committee that the Statement of Principles must be reviewed in accordance with Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 by January 2022.
- 1.2 To seek approval from the Licensing Committee to start the consultation process.
- 1.3 Once the consultation has been carried out, the revised Statement of Principles will be presented to the Licensing Committee for approval, prior to being presented to Full Council.

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 2022.
- 2.3 The Act stipulates that in reviewing the policy, we must consult the police, fire and rescue service, licence holders, persons representing licence holders and other businesses or persons as we deem suitable. Further, the Gambling Act 2005 (Licensing Authority Policy Statement) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 specifies a number of matters which must be included in the Statement, including the description of the area and a list of consultees.
- 2.4 A copy of the current Statement of Principles is attached as Appendix A to this report. Subject to any responses to the consultation, it is not proposed to make significant changes to this document- if any.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 The options available to the committee are limited. The council has a statutory obligation to review the Statement of Principles every three years.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 The review of the Statement of Principles is a statutory requirement. The policy must be approved by Full Council by January 2022.

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 As stated in paragraph 2.3 there is a statutory requirement to consult on the revised policy. Full consultation will commence following the approval of this report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That the Statement of Principles be reviewed in accordance with statutory requirements.

9.2 That the Committee approve the start of the consultation process.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report – None