

**LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**23 APRIL 2009**

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**REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF GAMBLING PRINCIPLES**  
**(Chief Officer: Environment and Public Protection)**

**1 PURPOSE OF DECISION**

- 1.1 Under the Gambling Act 2005, the Council is required to review and consult upon its 'Statement of Gambling Principles' every three years from the date of adoption. The present Statement of Gambling Principles was published on 31 January 2007 and therefore must undergo a review and be re-published on or before 30 January 2010.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee on the proposals for the consultation which will take place prior to the new policy being published.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **That the list of consultees set out at Appendix A to be invited to contribute to the review of the Council's "Statement of Gambling Principles" be approved.**

**3 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS**

Borough Solicitor

- 3.1 The legal implications are identified within the report.

Borough Treasurer

- 3.2 There are no significant financial implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 3.3 There are no implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 3.4 There are no strategic risk management implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

**4 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 requires all licensing authorities to prepare and publish a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under the Act. The Statement of Principles ('the Statement') will last for a maximum of three years and can be reviewed and revised by the authority at any time.
- 4.2 The statement must be produced following consultation with those bodies and persons set out in subsection (3) of section 349. This includes the chief officer of

police, persons who represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the area and persons who represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's functions under the Act.

- 4.3 The consultation period will run from 24 April to 5 June 2009 for internal consultees, and then a further period from 15 June to 7 September 2009 for external consultees. The proposed list of consultees is attached at Appendix A.
- 4.4 A further report will be brought to the Licensing and Safety Committee on 1 October 2009 with details of any responses to the consultation and a draft Statement for comment and approval.

#### Background Papers

Gambling Act 2005

Statement of Gambling Principles (January 2007)

Gambling Commission Guidance to Licensing Authorities (June 2007)

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**List of Consultees**

- Association of British Bookmakers
- Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers
- Bar Entertainment and Dance Association
- British Amusement Catering Trade Association
- British Institute of Inn Keeping
- British Beer and Pub Association
- Committee of Registered Clubs Association
- Federation of Community Associations
- Federation of Licensed Victuallers Associations
- Gamblers Anonymous
- GAMCARE
- Guild of Master Victuallers
- Holders of existing gambling licences / permits
- Local businesses and their representatives, e.g. Bracknell Forest Chamber of Commerce, Bracknell Retailers Forum, Bracknell Regeneration Partnership, Crowthorne Traders Association
- Local residents
- Members of Bracknell Forest Council
- National Association of Bookmakers
- National Association of Licensed House Managers
- Parish and Town Councils
- Premises licence / club premises certificate holders
- Pub & Drug Watch
- Race Equality Forum
- Safety Advisory Group
- Thames Valley Police
- The Bingo Association