

**LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
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**GAMBLING ACT 2005 – PRESENT POSITION  
(Director of Environment and Leisure)**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has recently released guidance in respect of the transitional arrangements put in place for the implementation of the Gambling Act 2005. The guidance contains information for both existing and new operators, and has been drawn up following consultation with licensing authorities, the gambling industry and other interested parties.
- 1.2 The document provides details about how to keep existing permissions current and how to obtain a new permission before the new Act comes into force. The document explains what licences operators will require under the new Act, and how to obtain them.

**2 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Council's Statement of Gambling Principles was approved by Full Council on 29 November 2006. The Statement will last for a maximum of 3 years, but can be reviewed and revised by the local authority at any time.
- 2.2 The final version of the Statement was published on 29 December 2006 and was available for inspection at local libraries, Time Square reception and on the Bracknell Forest Borough Council website in accordance with legislative requirements.
- 2.3 The Council will be accepting applications for gambling premises licences from 30 April 2007. The deadline for applications to ensure continuation rights is 31 July 2007, and the Gambling Act will come into full effect on 1 September 2007.

**3 IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 3.1 There are no implications identified.

**4 STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

- 4.1 There are no strategic risk management issues identified.

Background Papers

Notice of Publication of Statement of Gambling Principles

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