

**TO: LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
5 JULY 2012**

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

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee on the results of the consultation on the review of the Council's Statement of Gambling Principles, and to seek recommendation to the Executive that the Council adopts the revised Statement of Gambling Principles with effect from 31 January 2013.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the results of the consultation and recommends to the Council that they adopt the revised Statement of Gambling Principles at Annex B with effect from 30 January 2013.**

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 3.1 Under the Gambling Act 2005, the Council is required to review and consult upon its Statement of Gambling Principles ('the Statement') every three years from the date of adoption. The present Statement of Gambling Principles was published on 31 January 2010 and therefore must be re-published on or before 31 January 2013.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 There are no alternative options as the consultation and revision of the Statement are legal requirements.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 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 will last for a maximum of three years and can be reviewed and revised by the authority at any time. The current policy can be found at: <http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/licencegamblingpremises>.
- 5.2 Consultation took place from March to May 2012 with a range of organisations including current licence holders, trade associations and community groups. The consultation was also publicised on the Council's website. Three responses were received to the consultation and a summary of the responses can be found at Annex A.
- 5.3 The revised draft Statement of Gambling Principles is attached at Appendix B.

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

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The legal implications are identified within the report.

Borough Treasurer

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

Equalities Impact Assessment

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

Strategic Risk Management Issues

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

**7 CONSULTATION**

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 The list of proposed consultees was agreed by the Licensing and Safety Committee on 12 January 2012.

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 Consultation was carried out by e-mail wherever possible to keep costs to a minimum.

Representations Received

- 7.3 The comments received are summarised in Annex A.

Background Papers

Statement of Gambling Principles (January 2010)

Gambling Commission Guidance to Licensing Authorities (May 2009)

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## Review of Statement of Gambling Principles: Summary of responses

Consultee	Comment	Proposed action
Cllr Brossard	On page 23, is there a facility for an applicant to lodge an appeal where the Panel refuse a licence?	Confirm right of appeal to Court within document
Bracknell Forest Mental Health Carers Support Group	Lots of people with mental health problems waste their money gambling	Continue to work with Gambling Commission to ensure all premises operate within the relevant legislation, licence conditions and codes of practice
Thames Valley Police	No suggested amendments	No action required