

Subject: Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles

Report of the Licensing Officer

For Decision : NO

Environment and Neighbourhood Quality Portfolio: Councillor Wilson

Key Decision: N/A

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Licensing Committee of the draft revised Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 for public consultation.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the proposed Statement of Gambling Policy 2017 be approved for the purpose of consultation; and

2.2 That in the event of no objections being received during the consultation period, the Council be recommended to approve the revised statement of Policy

3.0 Summary

3.1 The Gambling Act 2005 requires Havant Borough Council (as the licensing authority) to publish its Statement of Principles every three years.

4.0 Subject of Report

4.1 The current Statement of Principles has now been revised (revisions shown in bold italics) and with the Committee's approval be sent out for consultation as required under the Act to the following:-

- The Police.
- Representatives of gambling businesses in the area.
- Representatives of persons likely to be affected by the exercise of the Authority's functions under the act.

4.2 In the four years since the statement of principles was last reviewed no complaints have been received regarding any of the premises licensed under the Gambling Act 2005.

5.0 Implications

5.1 Resources:

5.1.1 Havant Borough Council has budgeted to receive approximately £22,000 in 2017-18 from the administration of Licences and Permits under the Gambling Act 2005. This contributes towards the costs of the department.

5.2 Legal:

5.2.1 The Gambling Act 2005 requires Havant Borough Council (as the licensing authority) to publish its Statement of Principles every three years. The statement must be published before the authority can carry out licensing functions.

5.3 Strategy:

5.3.1 When dealing with licensing matters to which this policy relates, and in so far as they are relevant to the licensing objectives, the Authority will also take the following into consideration:

- A. Havant Borough Council Corporate Strategy 2017 – 2022
- B. Havant Borough Council Licensing Policy (LA 2003)

5.4 Risks:

5.4.1 None

5.5 Communications:

5.5.1 Consultation is critical to ensure any changes to the Statement of Principles are clear and transparent for businesses, responsible authorities and the public.

5.5.2 The legislation specifies those persons and groups that the Council has a duty to consult with.

5.5.3 If the Committee approves the proposed Statement of Principles, we will consult with all the statutory consultees and responses will be published within 12 weeks of the consultation closing.

5.6 For the Community:

5.6.1 This review of the existing Statement of Principles has not in any way altered the Authority's position regarding equality under the Gambling Act 2005.

Annexes

Appendix A – Draft copy of Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles.

Agreed and signed off by:

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