HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

Licensing Committee		13 November 2013
Subject: Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles		
Report of the Licensing Officer		
For Decision	NO	
Environment and Neighbourhood Quality Portfolio: Councillor Collins		
Key Decision:	N/A	

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To seek the views of the Licensing Committee with regard to the Council's draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005, following a twenty-eight day consultation period, prior to its submission to Full Council for approval.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That the Committee recommends the Council to approve the revised Statement of Principles, shown at Appendix A, for publication as the Council's Statement of Gambling 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. The statement must be published before the authority can carry out licensing functions.

4.0 Subject of Report

- **4.1** The current Statement of Principles has now been redrafted and 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 The period of consultation closed on 23rd October 2013 and no responses were received.
- 4.3 There have only been statistical amendments made to the previous statement along with adjusted categories for the various gaming machine types. The

paragraphs affected by the changes are 2.3.4, 9.7.1, 9.12.2, 9.15.1, 10.14.1. There were no material changes to the wording of the policy.

4.4 In the three years since the introduction of the previous statement of principles no complaints have been received regarding any of the premises licensed under the Gambling Act 2005.

5.0 Implications

Financial

5.1 Havant Borough Council accrues approximately £25,000 per annum from the administration of Licences and Permits under the Gambling Act 2005.

Legal

5.2 As set out in paragraph 3.1 above.

Strategy (Community and Corporate)

- 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 2012 2017
 - B. Havant Borough Council Licensing Policy (LA 2003)

Equalities/Customers

5.4 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.

Risk

5.5 None

Communications/Public Relations

5.6 Following approval of the Statement of Principles, it will be published as required by the Act on the Authority's website and made available for public inspection

A consultation was conducted with the Police, representatives of gambling businesses in the area and representatives of persons likely to be affected by the exercise of the Authority's functions under the act. No responses to the consultation were received.

Annexes

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

Agreed and signed off by:

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