



LICENSING COMMITTEE
14 March 2024

ITEM 06

Report sponsor: Charles Edwards, Director of Communities
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Gambling Act 2005

Statement of Licensing Principles - Consultation

Purpose

- 1.1 Derby City Council is the designated Licensing Authority under the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act) and is required to produce a Statement of Principles (the Statement) which sets out how it will exercise its functions under the Act.
- 1.2 The Statement also informs individuals making application for a licence, of the Authority's standards and values in promoting the licensing objectives within the framework of the Act and approved guidance issued by the Gambling Commission under the Act.

Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To approve the attached Draft Statement of Principles for release for consultation purposes (Appendix 1).

Reason(s)

- 3.1 It is a statutory requirement that the Council, as Licensing Authority, adopt a new Statement of Policy relating to gambling to come into effect from 31st January 2025.
- 3.2 It is proposed that the outcome of the consultation process and any amendments made to the Statement as a result are reported to the Committee later in the year.

Supporting information

- 4.1 Under the Gambling Act 2005, the Council is required to prepare, consult and publish a Statement of Principles which sets out how it will exercise its functions under the Act.
- 4.2 The Gambling Act Statement of Principles was first published in October 2006 and reviewed every three years thereafter with the last review being 2021.

- 4.3 A further review is needed this year and before determining or revising its content, the Authority must consult widely with at least the following persons as defined in the Act:
- The Chief Officer of Police
 - One or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interest of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the authority's area; and
 - One or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interest of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's functions under this Act.
- 4.4 It is proposed that the document undergoes a 12 week consultation period to enable comments to be received from the general public, stakeholders and partners
- 4.5 Responses to the consultation will be considered by the Head of Licensing and the Service Manager for Licensing and referred back to the Licensing Committee before the end of the year to agree a final statement which will subsequently be referred to Full Council for ratification.
- 4.6 There may also be some legislative changes prior to the document being submitted to this Committee post consultation. Any such changes will be included in the final Statement where possible.
- 4.7 The final revised Statement of Principles should be published by the end of December 2024.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 12 week consultation with the relevant parties as defined in the Gambling Act 2005.

Other options

- 6.1 None – statutory requirement.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 The fees levied for the regime are intended to include the cost of the review of the Statement as well as delivering the service.

Legal implications

- 8.1 Nothing arises from the content of this report.

Climate implications

- 9.1 None directly arising from this report.

Other significant implications

10.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal	Syma Akhtar	06/03/2024
Finance		
Service Director(s)		
Report sponsor	Charles Edwards, Service Director	27/02/24
Other(s)		

Background papers:	Gambling Act 2005 Guidance to Licensing Authorities – Gambling Commission
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – SOLP Consultation Document