



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE
18 October 2006

Report of the Director of Environmental Services

GAMBLING ACT - FINAL DRAFT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To approve the recommendations of the Cross Party Working Group.
- 1.2 To recommend to Council to adopt the final draft version of the Gambling Act Statement of Principles.
- 1.3 To note the comments and information obtained from the consultation process.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 At its meeting on 26 July 2006, Committee noted a draft Gambling Act Statement of Principles. This draft statement has been the subject of a wide consultation exercise over the summer. Approximately 290 consultation packs and 700 mailshots were sent out during the consultation period.
- 2.2 Members also resolved to establish a cross party working group to consider comments received from the consultation exercise. The cross party working group met on 4 October 2006 to consider the comments that had been received and the officer's recommendations about those comments. This information is contained at Appendix 2.
- 2.3 A number of the comments made have been incorporated into the statement. Some of the other comments made fell outside the scope of the statement or went substantially beyond what the Council is permitted to do under the legislation and statutory guidance.
- 2.4 The recommendations of the cross party working group have been incorporated into the final draft version of the Council's Gambling Act Statement of Principles. This is attached at Appendix 3.

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Background papers: General Licensing Committee Report, 26 July 2006, Item 6 – Gambling Act 2005
List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications
Appendix 2 – Gambling Act Statement of Principles Consultation – Specific Comments
Appendix 3 – Final Draft Gambling Act Statement of Principles

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 No additional funding has been provided for implementing the new legislation and final details about the fee structure have not been released. A further report will be made when more detail is known.

Legal

- 2.1 The Gambling Act 2005 requires the Council to prepare and publish a statement of principles every three years. The statement must be published before the Council carries out any function in respect of any applications made under the terms of the Act.
- 2.2 Before determining its statement for any three-year period, the Council must carry out a statutory consultation process.

Personnel

- 3.1 None directly arising from this report.

Equalities impact

- 4.1 The draft statement promotes the principles of openness, fairness and equality throughout. The consultation process will aim to ensure that as many different groups as possible are able to see and comment on the draft statement.

Corporate priorities

- 5.1 The new licensing proposals further the Council's priorities of **improving the quality of life in Derby's neighbourhoods and delivering excellent services, performance and value for money.**