



<b>Licensing and Regulatory Committee</b>	<b>Thursday, 11 October 2018</b>	<b>Matter for Information and Decision</b>
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**Report Title:** **Review of Gambling Act 2005 Statement of  
Licensing Principles (2019-2021)**

**Report Author(s):** **Stephen Eyre (Interim Licensing Officer)**

<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	The purpose of this report is for Members to consider the draft Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Principles prior to consultation and to agree a Scheme of Delegation so that the final document can be considered at Council on 11 December 2018.
<b>Report Summary:</b>	Oadby & Wigston Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Principles issued under the Gambling Act 2005 requires renewing every three years. The Policy gives a framework that applicants can use when formulating an application as well as giving an overview of how the Council will determine those applications.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	<p><b>A. That the draft Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Principles be approved and its adoption recommended to Full Council subject to any amendments arising from the consultation process;</b></p> <p><b>B. That the consultation process to commence from 12 October 2018 be agreed; and</b></p> <p><b>C. That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Law and Governance / Monitoring Officer to consider any representations made during the consultation process and make any other amendments as may be necessary following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.</b></p>
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<b>Corporate Priorities:</b>	Effective Service Provision (CP2)
<b>Vision and Values:</b>	Customer Focus (V5)
<b>Report Implications:-</b>	
Legal:	The Statement of Licensing Principles is a statutory requirement.
Financial:	There are no implications directly arising from the report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Regulatory Governance (CR6) Reputation Damage (CR4)

Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications directly arising from the report. EA not applicable.
Human Rights:	There are no implications directly arising from the report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications directly arising from the report.
<b>Statutory Officers' Comments:-</b>	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
<b>Consultees:</b>	Public consultation will follow adoption of the draft Statement of Licensing Principles.
<b>Background Papers:</b>	<a href="#">Gambling Act 2005</a>
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>1.</b> Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Principles (2019-2021) (Consultation Draft)

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 Under section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 ("the Act"), Licensing Authorities are required to prepare and publish a policy which they intend to apply when exercising their functions under the Act.
- 1.2 Section 349 also requires Licensing Authorities to review their policy every three years. The revised policy must be in place on or before 31 January 2019.

## **2. Review of Statement of Licensing Policy**

- 2.1 The current policy has been reviewed and a draft of that document is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 There has been very little in the way of major reviews of the legislation since the start of the current policy and consequently the draft policy is fundamentally unchanged.

## **3. Consultation**

- 3.1 The Act requires that the proposed Policy is subject to wide consultation. It is intended to commence a 6 week consultation period commencing on 12 October and ending on 23 November 2018.
- 3.2 Should any representations be received, it is proposed that they are resolved by delegated authority granted to the Head of Law and Governance / Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

## **4. Approval Process**

- 4.1 The final draft of the Policy will be taken to Full Council on 11 December 2018 for approval. Once approved it must be published 4 weeks prior to it coming into force on 31 January 2019.