



Full Council	Tuesday, 09 December 2025	Matter for Information and Decision
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Report Title: **Statement of Gambling Policy (2025-2028)**

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Purpose of Report:	To consider and adopt the Statement of Gambling Policy (2025-2028) ("the Policy").
Report Summary:	The current Policy expires in 2025, and it is essential that this is refreshed and updated to ensure the effective ongoing regulation of gambling. An updated draft version is attached at Appendix 1 which has been out to consultation. 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 applications.
Recommendation(s):	A. That the Statement of Gambling Policy (2025- 2028) be approved and adopted; and B. That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer to ensure that the policy is advertised and published in the correct manner.
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Strategic Objectives:	Our Communities (SO2) Our Economy (SO3)
Vision and Values:	Customer & Community Focused (V1)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 imposes a statutory requirement on the Council (as the Licensing Authority) to prepare and publish a 'Statement of Principles' (known as a Policy) once every three years. Following public consultation, any amendments to the Policy are required to be considered and approved by Full Council. Section 349(2) of the Gambling Act 2005 allows the Licensing Authority to review its Statement/Policy from time to time. The Gambling Act 2005 (Licensing Authority Policy Statement) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 sets out the legal requirement and procedure for drafting and preparing the Statement/Policy and any

	revisions to this which must be considered and adhered to.
Financial:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Regulatory Governance (CR6) Reputation Damage (CR4)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	Gambling Act 2005 applications and notifications are not assessed based on the characteristics of the applicant; they are issued in accordance with the law and depend on the application being correctly submitted.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	As detailed in Appendix 2 of the draft Statement of Gambling Policy (2025-2028).
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	1. Statement of Gambling Policy (2025-2028)

1. Introduction

- 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.

2. Policy Review

- 2.1 The Act requires the Council to review such policies every three years. The current policy has been reviewed and updated, and a draft is provided 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. The main changes are therefore focused on local information and the local area profile of gambling premises.
- 2.3 The Act requires that the proposed Policy is subject to wide consultation. Consultation commenced on 27 August 2025 for six weeks, ending on 10 October 2025. The list of consultees can be found at Appendix 2 of the attached draft policy. The Policy was presented to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee on 18 September 2025 as part of the consultation when it was recommended for approval by Full Council.
- 2.4 There have been no representations received.
- 2.5 Once approved there will be a four-week period when the policy must be published by

making it available on the Council's website and available for viewing at the Council offices. Prior to the 4-week period a notice will be published in the Leicester Mercury.