

STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY

Committee	Licensing Committee
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Papers with report	Annex 1 – Press release from LGA
Ward(s) affected	All

SUMMARY

To seek the views of the Licensing Committee in respect of investigation the possibilities of introducing a special gambling policy relating to the saturation of certain gambling premises in certain areas.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee feedback their views to the Licensing Service for further investigation.

INFORMATION

Since the introduction of the Gambling Act 2005, there has been an increase in licence applications for gambling premises in certain areas around the borough.

This has led to saturation spots where there are high numbers of gambling premises, particularly Betting Shops.

The Councils Statement of Gambling Policy is due for review over the next year, and will be implemented in 2013-2016.

The Licensing Service is minded to investigate the possibility of including a Special Policy which will aim to restrict the number of gambling establishments in certain areas.

The LGA are currently lobbying DCMS to introduce more controls to Local Councils to limit the number of premises in operation. A copy of the press release is attached.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None