

**LGA Gambling Regulation Councillors Handbook**

Checklist for Councillors in England and Wales

<b>Checklist of questions</b>	<b>Hillingdon Council position</b>
Has the authority mapped local gambling provision / premises in the local area?	Not yet, Local Area risk profiling comes in April this year under the Gambling Act 2005 and it will be one of the actions required as part of this.
Is the authority aware of any specific gambling related risks in the local area? How might these be mitigated?	Yes, anti-social behaviour and theft in betting shops are risks specifically related to some areas in Hillingdon. This can be mitigated on a case by case basis when the local area profiles and local risk assessments are implemented.
Has the Authority set out an approach to preventing gambling by children and young people?	Yes, this is outlined in the Statement of Gambling Policy attached as Appendix 1 page 13 section 2.12 - 2.24
What is the authority's approach to tackling illegal gambling?	The current approach is based on intelligence or complaints received and using a multi agency strategy. Outlined in the Gambling policy Part 4, page 16 - 17, section 3.1 - 3.7.
Has the authority engaged with local public health, addiction and treatment charities, CAB, homeless charities etc about problem gambling in the locality?	Public Health were consulted on the Gambling Policy. All of these services will be engaged with as part of the implementation of local area profiling. There is currently no direct provision of a gambling addiction service based within Hillingdon.
Has the authority engaged with local operators and premises in developing its approach?	Operators and trade representatives were consulted on the Gambling Policy at the end of 2015. The authority will need to engage further with local operators when the local area profiles are actioned.
Has the authority clearly set out its expectations of operator local risk assessments?	Yes, in the Gambling Policy part 4 pages 18 - 19 Section 4.1 - 4.8.
Has the authority clearly set out its expectations of operators in relation to children and young people, including those sectors where children and young people might legitimately frequent premises?	Yes, in the Gambling Policy page 13, section 2.5 - 2.17.

<p>Has the authority developed and shared with operators its approach to compliance and enforcement?</p>	<p>Yes, in the Gambling policy page 8 - 10 Section 1.42 - 1.48.</p>
<p>How might partnership working with local operators support the authority's approach to local gambling regulation?</p>	<p>Partnership working with local operators may be supported in the following ways: Betwatch, compliance checks and action taken in line with enforcement policy. 'Open door' advice service for existing and new applicants.</p>
<p>How might tools and powers outside the Gambling Act support the authority's approach to local gambling regulation?</p>	<p>By working with the Metropolitan Police and Anti-Social Behaviour team, powers under acts such as the Anti-Social Behaviour and Policing Act 2014 can be used to support gambling regulation. These give powers such as Public Space Protection Orders and Dispersal Orders. Police can use their powers where crime is an issue. In addition there are powers under the Licensing Act to deal with gambling activities in alcohol premises.</p>
<p>Can the authority demonstrate how it has reached the fee levels it has set?</p>	<p>Service costs were calculated with input from Legal Services, Democratic Services and Finance when the legislation came into force. This was also benchmarked against other local authorities. Fees were then set accordingly and this was approved by Cabinet in 2007.</p>
<p>Has the authority ensured that licensing and planning policies share a common approach to new premises for gambling?</p>	<p>Yes, in the Gambling Policy, page 16 integrating strategies. Specifically sections 3.5 - 3.7.</p> <p>In addition, there is a section on betting shops in the Local Plan.</p>