

Appendix A - Overview of proposed policy changes

Draft Statement of Gambling Policy

The Council is required by the Gambling Act 2005 to review the Statement of Gambling Policy every three years. The current policy was last formally reviewed in 2019 and therefore requires updating and adopting in 2022.

In the intervening time there have been only minor changes to legislation and as such there are very few changes proposed to this policy.

The current policy works well and acts as a valuable framework for ensuring the principles of the legislation are upheld.

Policy amendments are shown at Appendix B underlined/~~strike-through~~ and an overview of those that are material in nature are set out below:

- Front page – Effective dates amended
- Para 1.1, Line 6 “a” inserted before “Licensing Authority
- Para 1.3, bullet point 1. Addition of full name and section of current codes of practice.
- Para 1.4 added – to provide more detail of the effect of the statutory aim to permit gambling
- Para 1.9 added to provide detail on duration of Policy and any Review during this period.
- Para 1.12 – updated consultation dates.
- Old Para 1.12 – removal of word “and” in Declaration section.
- Para 1.15 – Deleting of “Regulatory Service” and amended to read “Licensing”
- Para 1.42 to 1.44 – new “Partnership Working” section added.
- Para 1.46(iii) – added to take into account any guidance issued by the Better Regulation Executive
- Para 1.48 – Added to be consistent with Government guidance re. test purchases
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- Para 1.51 – Added to clarify that enforcement will be carried out by authorised officers.
- Para 1.52 and 1.53 – Added to detail various enforcement policies.
- Old para 1.48 - Deleted
- Para 1.56 to 1.58 – Added new section re. the Equality Duty
- Para 1.59 & 1.60 – Added new section re. Modern Day Slavery
- Para 1.61 & 1.62 – Added new section re. Primary Authority scheme
- Para 1.63 – Added para re. Advertising of Gambling
- Para 1.64 – Added new section re. Human Rights Act
- Para 4.1 – amending of date

- Para 4.4 – Deletion of last sentence. No longer needed.
- Para 5.5 – 1st line, “the” deleted.
- Para 5.5 (i) & (ii) – amended to name specific codes and guidance.
- Para 5.7 – amended to recommend that all relevant British Amusement Catering Trade Association (BACTA) guidance is followed.
- Para 5.8 – Deleted as now covered by amended 5.7
- Para 5.9 – Deleted as now covered by amended 5.7
- Para 5.10 – grammar correction at line 2. “machine” amended to “machines”
- Para 5.40 – Amendment for correct page number for list of categories for gaming machines. Page number to be confirmed.
- Para 5.47 - Amendment for correct page number for list of categories for gaming machines. Page number to be confirmed.
- Para 5.64 - Amendment for correct page number for list of categories for gaming machines. Page number to be confirmed.
- Annex B – updated contacted details for the Responsible Authorities
- Annex C – Delegations, these are amended to reflect the same wording approved in the remodelled Council Constitution adopted in May 2022.
- Annex D – Amended to clarify process for ‘call-in’ of applications and representations from Ward Councillors to indicate how it adversely affects the 4 licensing objectives under the Gambling Act. This will also make it consistent with the wording for any call-in of an application under the Licensing Act 2003. Subject to full Council approval of the Policy it will also be requested to update this in the relevant part of the Council Constitution.

Page and paragraph numbers will be updated on the final policy document.