

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 2022 and therefore requires updating and adopting in 2025.

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 (the draft revised policy) underlined, in bold and strikethrough text.

- Front page – Effective dates amended.
 - Para 1.1, Line 4 – amended to improve sentence structure.
 - Para 1.1, Line 7 – “empowered” replaced by “authorised”.
 - Para 1.1, Line 9 – New sentence after “committed” and “or” replaced with “This includes...”
 - Para 1.1, Line 10 – “not complied with” replaced with “breached”.
 - Para 1.1, Line 11 – “and the promotion of the Licensing Objectives under the Act” added.
 - Para 1.2 – “we” replaced by “the Licensing Authority”.
 - Para 1.3 – “We are” replaced with “the Licensing Authority is”.
 - Para 1.5 – “us” replaced with “the Licensing Authority”.
 - Para 1.6 – “application or” formatted correctly
 - Para 1.8 – “decision making” corrected to “decision-making”
 - Para 1.9, Line 2 – “Authority” added after “Licensing” and at line 3 “three year” amended to “three-year”
 - Para 1.12 – Relevant consultation dates added.
 - Para 1.17 – “Council” replaced by “Licensing Authority”.
 - Para 1.37 – new section regarding Representations and details what is a ‘relevant’ representation.
 - Para 1.39 – “the” added before “Licensing Authority”.
 - Para 1.50 – “The Licensing Authority” added.
 - Para 1.53 – “Licensing Authority” added.
 - Para 1.66 – New “Direct Marketing” section added
 - Paras 1.68 & 1.69 – New section to consider Duty to Protect/Martyn’s Law which is due to come into force.
 - Para 2.11 – Line 1, “Race Tracks” amended to “racetracks”. Line 8, “off course” amended to “off-course”. Para 2.12 – “Apart” to correct “part”.
 - Para 2.23 – Line 4, “under age” amended to “underage”.
 - Para 5.2 – “people” amended to “persons including companies”.
 - Para 5.3 – New para referring to where fees can be viewed
 - Para 5.6 – “Hillingdon Council” replaced by “Licensing Authority”.
 - Para 5.8 – “s” added to recommends and paragraph amended to improve sentence structure
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- Para 5.9 – “s” added to “premises” and capitals used for “Licensing Authority”
- Para 5.12 – “Council” replaced by “Licensing Authority”.
- Para 5.17 – “Council” replaced by “Licensing Authority”.
- Para 5.42 - New para added to include ‘Think 25’ guidance
- Para 5.45 – “is suspicious” amended to “has concerns”.
- Para 5.49 – New para added to include ‘Think 25’ guidance.
- Para 5.52 - “Council” replaced by “Licensing Authority”.
- Para 5.53 - “Council” replaced by “Licensing Authority” and “the” added before “licensing objectives”.
- Para 5.62 & 5.63 - Capital “L” and capital “A” to amend “licensing authority”.
- Para 5.65 – “18-year olds” added and “Adult Gaming Centre” added to correct.
- Para 5.66– New para added to include ‘Think 25’ guidance
- Para 5.72 - New para added to include ‘Think 25’ guidance
- Paras 5.84 to 5.88, new ‘Appeals’ section added.
- Para 7.1 – “as regards” amended to “regarding”.
- Para 7.6 – “email” amended to “E-mail”.
- Para 9.4 – “the Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty” added.
- Annex B – updated contacted details for the Responsible Authorities

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