

REPORT FROM: PLANNING, BUILDING CONTROL AND LICENSING SERVICES MANAGER

TO: LICENSING COMMITTEE

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LICENSING AND GAMBLING POLICY STATEMENTS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- (1) To consider the draft reports on the Council's Gambling and Licensing Statements of Principle.
- (2) To agree the content of the Statements for Public Consultation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Committee agrees the draft Statements and that they be consulted on.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

In order that Pendle has up to date Gambling and Licensing Statements to comply with the Gambling Act 2005 and the Licensing Act 2003.

ISSUE

- 1.1 Under the provisions of section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 and Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 Pendle is obliged to have in place Statements of Principle for their Gambling and Licensing functions.
- 1.2 The Statements set out the approach that the Council, as Licensing Authority, will have for dealing with premises licenses and licenses for gambling. The gambling statement has to be renewed every 3 years and the licensing statement every 5 years. Both statements need to be in place in January 2016.

- 1.3 The statements are both heavily influenced by the complex legislation that governs the licensing activities. They also take on board the guidance offered by both the Gambling Commission and the Secretary of State in relation to licensing.
- 1.4 There will then be a 12 week consultation period before the policies are referred back to this Committee and then to Council on 17th December 2015.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	The Council must adopt statements in order to comply with the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005 and the Licensing Act 2003.
Financial:	None
Legal:	None
Risk Management:	None
Health and Safety:	None
Sustainability:	None
Community Safety:	Both statements refer to child safety and child exploitation as main considerations in license applications.
Equality and Diversity:	None

Appendices

- 1 Draft Licensing Policy Statement
- 2 Draft Gambling Policy Statement