

**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 responses to the Council's Gambling and Licensing Statements of Principle.
- (2) To agree the content of the Statements to go to Council for adoption.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Committee recommends to Full Council that the Statements are adopted without modification.

### **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. 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.
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.
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.

4. There has been a 12 week public consultation on both documents. No adverse comments have been received and no recommendations from any person or body to alter them.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

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

## ***Appendices***

- 1 *Licensing Policy Statement*
- 2 *Gambling Policy Statement*