

REPORT FROM: PLANNING, BUILDING CONTROL AND LICENSING SERVICES
MANAGER

TO: COUNCIL

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GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF POLICY

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To agree with the Licensing Committee's recommendation to adopt the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Policy for the period 2019 to 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council agrees to adopt the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Policy.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

To ensure that Pendle has an up to date Gambling Statement of Policy to comply with the Gambling Act 2005.

ISSUE

1. Under the provisions of Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 Pendle Council is obliged to have in place a Statement of Policy for their Gambling functions.
2. The Statement sets out the approach that the Council, as the Licensing Authority, will have for dealing with all the gambling related tasks it undertakes. The Gambling Policy has to be renewed every 3 years and this Statement needs to be in place by January, 2019.
3. At the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 22nd August it was agreed to distribute the draft Policy for a six weeks consultation period which commenced on 28th August and ended on 9th October, 2018.
4. Resulting from the consultation the Council received five responses.
5. A revised Policy, incorporating suggested inclusions from the responders, was agreed by the Licensing Committee at their meeting on 23rd October, 2018. The Committee also agreed to recommend to Council to adopt the Policy.

6. The revised Policy is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy	The Council must adopt a Statement of Policy in order to comply with the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005.
Financial	None arising directly from the report.
Legal	None arising directly from the report.
Risk Management	None arising directly from the report.
Health and Safety	None arising directly from the report.
Sustainability	None arising directly from the report.
Community Safety	The Statement refers to measures that operators of gambling premises will need to have in place to ensure that children and vulnerable people are protected from being harmed or exploited by gambling.
Equality and Diversity	None arising directly from the report.

APPENDICES

Revised Gambling Act 2005 Statement of policy 2018 to 2022.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None