
DRAFT STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY

1.0 Matter for consideration

- 1.1 To consider the draft statement of policy under the Gambling Act 2005.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To recommend the draft statement of policy for approval by the Executive.

3.0 Information

- 3.1 The Gambling Act 2005 is due to come into force on 1 September 2007. This Act transfers responsibility for the licensing of Casinos, Bingo Halls and Betting Offices from the Betting and Gaming Justices at the Magistrates Court to Blackpool Council as Licensing Authority.
- 3.2 Licensing Authorities are required to prepare a statement of the principles, which they propose to apply when exercising their functions under the new Act. The statement must be subject to consultation before it is finally adopted.
- 3.3 This draft has been prepared, using draft guidance issued by the Gambling Commission. Once the full Guidance from the Commission has been released, the draft will be finalised and subjected to a 12 week consultation period when input from both the trade and the public will be requested. It is proposed that the final version of this document will be brought back to this Committee for consideration in October

4.0 Financial considerations

- 4.1 None

5.0 Legal considerations

- 5.1 The Council, as Licensing Authority, are obliged to produce a statement of licensing policy

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Appendices attached:

Appendix [1] (a): Draft Statement of Policy under the Gambling Act 2005

Background papers:

None

Websites and e-mail links for further information:

www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk

www.culture.gov.uk/gambling_and_racing

Glossary: