
STATEMENT OF POLICY UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2006

1.0 Matter for consideration

1.1 To consider the Statement of Policy under the Gambling Act 2005.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 To recommend the Executive to recommend the Council to approve the Statement of Policy.

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.

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 [3] (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: