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## Draft Statement of Licensing Policy Under the Gambling Act 2005

### 1.0 Matter for consideration

- 1.1 The draft statement of Licensing Policy under the Gambling Act 2005, attached at Appendix 5a

### 2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To recommend the Executive to recommend that the Council approve the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy for public consultation.

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### 3.0 Information

- 3.1 The Committee, at its meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2006 considered a draft statement of licensing policy, which had been prepared taking into account draft guidance issued by the Gambling Commission.
- 3.2.1 The Gambling Commission has since published the final version of their guidance to local authorities.
- 3.2.2 Taking into account the Gambling Commission's guidance, the draft statement of policy has been prepared and is ready for public consultation.
- 3.2.3 A final draft will be prepared after the consultation period and will be submitted to this Committee for recommendation to the Executive and full Council for adoption.

### 4.0 Financial considerations

- 4.1 None

### 5.0 Legal considerations

- 5.1 Under the Gambling Act 2005, the Council is obliged to prepare and consult on a statement of licensing policy.

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#### Appendices attached:

Appendix 5 (a): Draft Statement of Policy under the Gambling Act 2005.

**Background papers:**

None

**Websites and e-mail links for further information:**

[www.culture.gov.uk/gambling\\_and\\_racing](http://www.culture.gov.uk/gambling_and_racing)

**Glossary:**

None