

Meeting: Council

Date: 18 November 2015

Agenda item:

Wards: All.

Subject: Adoption of the Council's new draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.

Lead officer: Chris Lee, Director of Environment and Regeneration.

Lead member: Councillor Nick Draper, Cabinet Member for Community and Culture.

Forward Plan reference number: N/A

Contact Officer: Barry Croft, Licensing Manager, London Boroughs of Merton and Richmond upon Thames Joint Regulatory Services Partnership and Guy Bishop Senior Lawyer Litigation and Planning Team.

Recommendations:

- A. To adopt the revised draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005, this was approved by Members of the Licensing Committee on the 20 October 2015.
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 There is a statutory requirement under section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 for the Council to review and republish its Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 every three years.

2. DETAILS.

- 2.1 This is the fourth Statement of Principles in respect of the Gambling Act; the third having been adopted by the Council in 2013.
- 2.2 The public consultation of the draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 took place between 22 June and 14 September 2015. An electronic copy of the draft document was published on the Council's website. All responsible authorities, a number of interested parties, residents associations and Ward Councillors were notified of the public consultation. The Council's consultation team also circulated details of the public consultation.
- 2.3 During the consultation period the Licensing Authority received a total of three responses. Copies of responses received were presented to Members of the Licensing Committee for their consideration at the meeting held on Tuesday 20 October 2015. Having considered the comments received Members of the Licensing Committee decided to approve the draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 with a recommendation for adoption by full Council. A copy of the final draft is attached at **Appendix "A"**

- 3. Alternative options.**
- 3.1 None for the purposes of this report.
- 4. Consultation undertaken or proposed.**
- 4.1 A twelve week (three month) public consultation was undertaken on the proposed revisions the (draft) Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 between 22 June and 14 September 2015.
- 5. Timetable.**
- 5.1 Following adoption by full Council the revised Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 will be published on the Council's website for use from the 31 January 2016.
- 6. Financial, resource and property implications.**
- 6.1 None for the purposes of this report.
- 7. Legal and statutory implications.**
- 7.1 None for the purposes of this report.
- 8. Human rights, equalities and community cohesion implications.**
- 8.1 These are statutory functions and are applied globally.
- 9. Crime and Disorder Implications.**
- 9.1 The service has a statutory duty to contribute to the reduction of crime and disorder within the London Borough of Merton under Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1988.
- 10. Risk management and health and safety implications.**
- 10.1 All risk and health and safety implications have been considered when compiling this report. None are apparent.
- 11. Appendices – the following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report.**
- 11.1 Appendix "A" Draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.
- 12. Background Papers – the following documents have been relied on in drawing up this report but do not form part of the report.**
- 12.1 The Gambling Act 2005; and
- 12.2 Gambling Commission Guidance to Local Authorities 5th Edition published on 30 September 2015.