

**Decision Maker:** GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

**Date:** Wednesday 26 September 2012

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

**Title:** REVISED STATEMENT OF GAMBLING LICENSING POLICY  
2013-2016 - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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**Chief Officer:** Director of Environmental Services

**Ward:** (All Wards);

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1. Reason for report

To report the results of public consultation on the proposed statement of Gambling policy for the period 2013 to 2016.

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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**Members are asked to**

- 1. Consider the responses from the public consultation process and make any further changes to the policy as necessary**
- 2. Refer the agreed version of the policy to full Council on 12 November 2012 for formal adoption**

## Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: The Council adopted a Statement of Gambling Policy for the period 2010- 2013. The Gambling Act requires the Council to undertake a review of its Policy at least every three years. The next three year period commences from Jan 2013 to Jan 2016.
  2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People Excellent Council Quality Environment Safer Bromley Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres:
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## Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost:
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Public Protection
  4. Total current budget for this head: £4.033m
  5. Source of funding: Existing Revenue Budgets 2012 / 2013 (including controllable and non controllable elements)
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## Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 74
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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## Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement: The Council is the Licensing Authority under the Gambling Act 2005 and must prepare and consult on its statement of policy as required by Section 349.
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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## Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Approximately 150 licensed premises and all residents and businesses living and trading in the vicinity of licensed premises.
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## Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Yes
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

### 3. COMMENTARY

General Purposes and Licensing Committee approved a Statement of Gambling policy for the period January 2010 to January 2013. The Council is the 'Licensing Authority' under the Act and must review and revise its policy as necessary but at least every three years. The next three year period commences on 7 January 2013 and runs until 6 January 2016.

This Policy sets out principals that the Council will apply when carrying out its functions under the Act.

The existing policy has not been altered in any substantial way from the current version but has been updated in respect of :-

1 Consultees

2 Maximum Stakes for Gaming Machines

3 Contact numbers

The draft policy was made available on the Councils Website between 13 August 2012 and 10 September 2012. Letters seeking comments on the proposed policy were sent to all licensed premises, Responsible Authorities, Residents Accusations and other pubic consultees as set out in the policy.

Four responses were received and these are included in appendix 1

A copy of the proposed policy document is set out in appendix 2

### 4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Council is obliged to adopt and publish a Statement of its Gambling Policy. It is also under a duty to keep the policy under review and to revise it when appropriate. Before adopting a revised policy there needs to be a process of public consultation including specified bodies.

Subject to any further amendments this committee may wish to make following consultation the attached draft statement of policy can now be referred to Full Council for formal adoption

### 5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

See policy implications

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS &amp; PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS</b>
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Statement of Gambling Policy 2010 - 2013