

Decision Maker: COUNCIL

Date: Monday 19 October 2015

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

Title: GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

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Ward: All

1. Reason for report

1.1 At its meeting on 17th September 2015, the General Purposes and Licensing Committee received the results of public consultation on the draft Gambling Policy and recommended that Council adopt the Policy to come into effect on 31st January 2016. The report considered by the Committee is attached together with the final Statement of Gambling Policy, as updated to take into account the following minor changes required by the Committee -

- Section A.7.1: Information from Operators and Premises License Holders: The paragraph to be amended to allow the Council to seek information from operators/premises license holders when requested rather than once a year.
- Section B.3: Location of Premises: Add a sentence on taking into account age restrictions when considering the impact on children, young or vulnerable people.
- Section B.3 Location of Premises: The paragraph on Risk Profiles being based on factual evidence should be amended to replace the word "should" with "will" and moved to the third paragraph of section B.4: Local Area Profiles.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

Council is recommended to note the response to public consultation and adopt the Statement of Gambling Policy under the Gambling Act 2005 to have effect from 31st January 2016.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: The Council adopted the current Gambling Policy on 12 November 2013 which had effect from 31 January 2013 for a period of three years.
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People Excellent Council Quality Environment Safer Bromley Supporting Independence 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 and Safety Portfolio Budget
 4. Total current budget for this head: £2.277m
 5. Source of funding: Existing revenue budgets 2015/16
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 51 fte
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement: Section 349 of the gambling Act 2005 requires the Council to prepare and publish a statement of the principles they propose to apply in exercising their functions under the Act. Each statement of policy lasts for three years. The next three year period is from 31 January 2016 to 30 January 2019.
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: This report does not involve an executive decision.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Approximately 150 licensed gambling premises and all residents and businesses living and trading in the vicinity of licensed premises and users 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: No comments have been received in response to consultation on the draft statement of Licensing Policy.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Finance/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	See attached report