

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 5

meeting date: 19 March 2013
 title: Response to the consultation on the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy – Gambling
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 At the meeting on 27 November 2012 Committee reviewed the Council's licensing Statement of Principles on Gambling as required by the Gambling Act 2005. The statement approved by Committee then formed the basis of a consultation exercise.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives –.
- Corporate Priorities -
- Other Considerations -

The Council seeks to be a well-managed Council. Reviewing policies which guide the Council when making decisions contributes to this objective.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Gambling Act 2005 (the “**Act**”) gave the Council responsibility for licensing a variety of types of premises for example betting offices and arcades. There are very few premises in the Council's area, which hold such licences, however, many premises licensed under the Licensing Act 2003 also hold permits under the Act for gaming machines.

2.2 The Act requires Councils to have a gambling statement of principles, to publish it every three years and to review it from time to time. The Council's statement took effect on 31 January 2010.

3 ISSUES

3.1 There have been no representations since its inception and there have been no responses to the consultation exercise, which took place between 3 December 2012 and 31 January 2013.

The full statement is available on the Council's website, (see http://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/info/200230/gambling/871/gambling_act_2005/4). Once approved by Committee, the statement will be referred to full Council for approval.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – N/A
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – Requirement to keep the statement under review is a statutory requirement.
- Political - None

- Reputation – Reviewing the statement will enhance the Council’s reputation as a well managed Council.
- Equality & Diversity – None

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

5.1 Approve the Gambling Statement of Policy and refer it to Full Council for approval.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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