

**STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Licensing & Regulatory Committee**

**1 April 2022**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Review of Gambling Policy</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b>Councillor Mike Bowen - Portfolio Holder for Communities</b>
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<b>WARDS INVOLVED:</b>	<b>All</b>

Appendix A Revised Statement of Principles 2022-2025

**1. Reason for the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ensure that the Council complies with its legal obligations as provided by the Gambling Act 2005 which requires that the Council must consult and publish a revised Statement of Principles every 3 years.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the legislation changes as detailed in 3.5 of this report and revises the Statement of Principles 2022 - 2025 as attached at Appendix A.
- 2.2 That the Committee recommends the revised Statement of Principles 2022 – 2025 to Full Council for approval.

**3. Executive Summary**

- 3.1 Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 requires that the Council as a licensing authority prepares and publishes a Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 every three years. The Council's Statement of Principles is due for renewal in 2022. The Statement will last for a 3 year period but may be reviewed at any time prior to this by the authority.
- 3.2 It is a further requirement of the Act that a revised policy must be approved at a full meeting of the Council. Such approval cannot be granted until consultation has been undertaken with a range of statutory bodies defined by the Act.

- 3.3 The Consultation was undertaken between 5th October 2021 – 04 November 2021, and included all the relevant Stakeholders listed in page 4 of the Policy.
- 3.4 The Council only received one response from the NAB, as detailed below during the consultation period.

Many thanks for including the National Association of Bookmakers Ltd (NAB) on your circulation of your proposed Draft Statement of Principles. The NAB do not have any suggested amendments.

The only changes are amendments due to updates in guidance/legislation.

- 3.5 A small number of amendments have been made to the previous Policy and incorporated in the new Statement of Principles policy 2022 – 2025. The main amendments are summarised below.

Page No	Detail
2	Any reference made to “Guidance issued to Licensing Authorities by the Gambling Commission” is the latest version which was published 01 April 2021 and last updated on 13 May 2021.
3 (2)	(Census data from 2021 is currently being processed and will be published at <a href="http://www.ons.gov.uk">www.ons.gov.uk</a> ).
4	The consultation took place between 05 October 2021 and 04 November 2021.
5	<a href="mailto:licensing-1@staffs Moorlands.gov.uk">licensing-1@staffs Moorlands.gov.uk</a>
6,5C	8.12 and 8.15
10 Part B (1)	The Gambling Commission’s Licence Conditions and Code of Practice (LCCP) which were revised and published on 31 October 2020, requires operators to consider local risks from the provision of gambling at their premises.
29 (4)	A summary of gaming machine categories and entitlements can be found at Appendix B of the Guidance issued to Licensing Authorities by the Gambling Commission, <a href="https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-to-licensingauthorities">https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-to-licensingauthorities</a> .
36	<a href="https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/licensees-and-businesses/guide/local-area-risk-assessments">https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/licensees-and-businesses/guide/local-area-risk-assessments</a>

## 6. Implications

### 6.1 Community Safety - (Crime and Disorder Act 1998)

No Implications

### 6.2 Workforce

No Implications

### 6.3 Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment

No Implications

6.4 Financial Considerations

No Implications

6.5 Legal

The Authority has a statutory duty to review and update their policies failure to comply with this may result in further action being taken.

6.6 Climate Change

No Implications

6.7 Consultation

A Consultation was carried out in accordance with the current legislation and guidance

6.8 Risk Assessment

No implications

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**Web Links and  
Background Papers**

Appendix A Revised Policy

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