

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Agenda Item No.

meeting date: TUESDAY, 8 JUNE 2010  
 title: REVISION OF GAMBLING STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES  
 submitted by: LEGAL SERVICES MANAGER  
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### 1 PURPOSE

1.1 The Gambling Act 2005 transferred responsibility for licensing premises used for gambling to this Council in 2007. The Council was required to formulate a Statement of Principles (gambling) which is to be reviewed every three years. The Council's Statement is based on the model format circulated by LACORS.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Ambitions -</li> <li>• Community Objectives -</li> <li>• Corporate Priorities -</li> <li>• Other Considerations -</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>}</li> <li>}</li> <li>}</li> <li>}</li> </ul> | <p>The Council aims to provide efficient services. It also seeks to help make peoples lives safer and healthier. Proper control of gambling should allow gambling to take place with appropriate safeguards.</p> |
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### 2 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

2.1 The Council's Licensing Committee considered the current Statement of Principles (gambling) at its meeting on 17 November 2009, and again on 16 March 2010 following a consultation exercise.

2.2 The Licensing Committee decided to make no changes to the Council's statement of principles (other than to update addresses, contact details etc).

2.3 Only one response was received in relation to the consultation exercise from BACTA (the British Amusement Catering Trades Association). The Licensing Committee resolved that the consultation response did not affect their proposals. A copy of the statement of principles can be obtained either in paper format from the Council's Administration and Licensing (Alcohol and Entertainment) Officer or by viewing the Council's website at the following link:

[https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/downloads/download/6006/gambling\\_act\\_2005-statement\\_of\\_principles](https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/downloads/download/6006/gambling_act_2005-statement_of_principles)

### 3 RISK ASSESSMENT

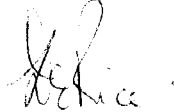
3.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – N/A

- Technical, Environmental and Legal – The review is required to meet the Council's statutory responsibilities.
- Political – N/A
- Reputation – N/A

4 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 4.1 Approve the Statement of Principles and recommend it to Full Council.

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