

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 27 NOVEMBER 2012
 title: REVISION OF GAMBLING ACT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of the requirement to review the Council's licensing Statement of Principles on gambling as required by the Gambling Act 2005 and seek Committees' views about amendment of the statement, as attached at Appendix 1 to form the basis of consultation.

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; review of the policies, which guide the Council when making decisions, contributes to this objective.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Council considered its current Statement of Principles on 17 November 2009 (at Licensing Committee) and it was subsequently approved by Full Council.

3 ISSUES

3.1 The Gambling Act 2005 gave the Council responsibility for licensing a variety of types of premises for example betting offices and betting 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.

3.2 The Act requires Councils to have a gambling statement of principles and to publish the Statement every three years and review it from time to time.

3.3 There have been no representations about the Council's statement since its inception. However, Members are asked to consider the statement (attached as Appendix 1), in order that any changes Members wish to make to the statement can be included in the statement prior to the consultation. If necessary, the statement can then be revised by Full Council to reflect consultation responses.

3.4 If the draft statement is approved by Committee the parties referred to in the draft statement will be consulted, with responses requested on or before the 31 January 2013. Thereafter the draft 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 – N/A
- Reputation – N/A
- Equality and Diversity – N/A

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

5.1 Consider the statement attached at Appendix 1.

5.2 Approve the statement and the proposals for consultation set out at 3.4 above.

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