

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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Wards Affected	All	16 December 2015	
Title	GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

For Kettering Borough Council (the Council) to agree to adopt the reviewed Gambling Act 2005 Policy Statement (the Policy).

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Every 3 years, the Gambling Act 2005 (the 2005 Act) requires Licensing Authorities to review and publish a statement of principles that they intend to apply when exercising their related functions.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 The 2005 Act has three objectives. They are:

- preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime
- ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling

- 2.2 Further detail of the objectives of the 2005 Act and how its delivery is proposed locally can be found in the appended document. The Council adopted the current Policy on 16 December 2012 and it took effect from 31 January 2013.

- 2.3 The appended document was drafted by the Northamptonshire Licensing Liaison Group and essentially reflects the Gambling Commission's Guidance to Licensing Authorities and the Local Government Association's guidance on what should be included in such a document.

- 2.4 The new policy differs very little from the existing policy. Details of the changes are included at Appendix B.

- 2.5 The changes will not have any impact on the Authority's current approach to the licensing of premises in the Borough other than providing greater clarity in the policy.

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2.6 A wide scale consultation took place for a 6-week period between 22 September 2015 and 3 November 2015. Several responses were received and considered by the Group; details of which are provided at Appendix C.

3. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT

3.1 The draft policy has been out to consultation in line with the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005 and accompanying guidance. Responses have been received, considered and acted upon as detailed in Appendix C.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Policy must be adopted by the Council before 31 December 2015 to allow time for it to be published prior to taking effect on 31 January 2016. Regulations to the Act require that the statement must be published by being made available for a period of at least 4 weeks before the date on which it will come into effect.

5. USE OF RESOURCES

5.1 There are no implications.

6. RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopts the Gambling Act 2005 Policy Statement as shown at Appendix A.

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