



Council name	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE – 10 NOVEMBER 2021
Report Number	AGENDA ITEM 06
Subject	GAMBLING ACT 2005 REVIEW OF THE GAMBLING POLICY STATEMENT
Wards affected	All
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Summary/Purpose	To consider any issues raised in the consultation with stakeholders and the public on the Council's Draft Revised Gambling Act 2005 Licensing Policy Statement and consider amendments to the Policy prior to adoption.
Annexes	Annex A – Copy of draft Statement of Principles Annex B – Copy of responses Annex C – Copy of current Statement of Principles
Recommendation/s	a) <i>That the Committee considers the draft policy attached at Annex A and makes the appropriate recommendation to the Council in relation to the adoption of the Council's revised Statement of Principles; and</i> b) <i>That the Council continues to adopt a "no- casino resolution" for inclusion in the published Gambling Act 2005 Licensing Policy Statement</i>
Corporate priorities	Delivering our services to the highest standards
Key Decision	No
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	The revised policy was subject to a 12 week consultation period which came to an end on the 27 September 2021.



I. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The Council is required by the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act) to publish a Gambling Policy (Licensing Policy Statement) and review the Policy every three years. The current Statement was approved by the Licensing Committee on 14 November 2018 and formally adopted on 31 January 2019.
- 1.2 The Planning and Licensing Committee considered the draft Policy at its meeting in May 2021 and agreed that it should be put out to formal consultation.

2 MAIN POINTS

- 2.1 The revised Policy was subject to a 12 week consultation period which came to an end on the 27 September 2021.
- 2.2 The only change made was the removal of a reference to shared partnership working so that the draft document is solely for Cotswold District Council.
- 2.3 Information about the consultation period was on the Council's website. The licensing team consulted with the Responsible Authorities under the Act, Elected Members, all Town/Parish Councils and representatives of the trade and industry were also consulted.
- 2.4 There were 2 responses to the consultation. Copies of these are attached at **Annex B**. These comments were from:
 - the Betting and Gaming Council updating the document on recent changes to the Guidance
 - the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership updating the contact details relating to safeguarding.

Changes have been made to the draft Policy accordingly.

- 2.5 S.166(1) of the Act states that a Licensing Authority may resolve not to issue Casino Premises Licences. Such a recommendation was made by the Licensing Committee in 2012. Notwithstanding all the Casinos have been allocated by Central Government, S.166(3) of the Act states that this resolution expires after three years and the Council needs formally to re-affirm at this time that a "no-Casino resolution" is still in place.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 None.

4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from the report.

5 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.
- 5.2 The Licensing Act 2003 is heavily regulated and, at present, there are no requirements for applicants to provide any climate impact assessments as part of their



applications. This can be driven by local planning requirements and also by Central Government amending statutory requirements.

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 Subject to legal requirements, the Committee may choose to make recommendations on specific sections of the policy, as they see fit.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Gambling Commission's Guidance to Licensing Authorities April 2021.