

REPORT TO	DATE OF MEETING
COUNCIL	21 November 2012

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SUBJECT	PORTFOLIO	AUTHOR	ITEM
REVISED POLICY STATEMENT FOR GAMBLING ACT 2005	REGENERATION, LEISURE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES	KAY LOVELADY	8

SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

A report considering the potential changes to the Council's Gambling Policy following closure of the consultation period. This Report has links to all the Corporate Priorities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council consider the provisions of the revised Policy, suggest any amendments that they see fit and (subject to any such amendments) confirm their agreement with this Policy in order to allow the Policy to adopted for a 3 year period following 13th December 2012.

DETAILS AND REASONING

Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 required each Local Authority to produce its own Gambling Policy and thereafter each policy must be reconsidered and revised (where necessary) every three years. The original policy was published on the 13th December 2006 and was revised and republished on the 13th December 2009. A copy of the proposed revised policy is attached.

The only amendments made to the policy since its last approval relate to suggestions from the Gambling Commission following updates to the legislation since the last publication.

The consultation period closed on the 5th September 2012. The only Representation received was from South Ribble Magistrates Court who confirmed that they did not have any objections to the amendments. The Police was thereafter reviewed by the Licensing Committee on the 9th October 2012 and referred to Council for approval and adoption.

The Policy has to be approved by Council and therefore Council is asked to consider the revised Policy, suggest any amendments they see fit and thereafter confirm their agreement to adopt the Policy (including any amendments) from 13th December 2012 for a period of 3 years.

Statements need to be published at least 4 weeks prior to 31st January 2013 i.e. on or by 3rd January 2013.

WIDER IMPLICATIONS

In the preparation of this report, consideration has been given to the impact of its proposals in all the areas listed below, and the table shows any implications in respect of each of these. The risk assessment which has been carried out forms part of the background papers to the report.

FINANCIAL	There are no financial implications for the authority.
LEGAL	The Authority is required to reconsider and produce a revised Licensing Policy under the Gambling Act 2005.
RISK	This application must be determined in line with legal guidelines.

THE IMPACT ON EQUALITY	An Equality Impact Assessment is in place for the licensing service. There are no adverse equality impacts as a result of the proposals in this report.
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OTHER (see below)	
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<i>Asset Management</i>	<i>Corporate Plans and Policies</i>	<i>Crime and Disorder</i>	<i>Efficiency Savings/Value for Money</i>
<i>Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion</i>	<i>Freedom of Information/ Data Protection</i>	<i>Health and Safety</i>	<i>Health Inequalities</i>
<i>Human Rights Act 1998</i>	<i>Implementing Electronic Government</i>	<i>Staffing, Training and Development</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Proposed new Gambling Policy showing tracked changes.