

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting3rd December 2015

1. Title of Item/Report

Review of the Statement of Principles for Gambling Premises in Stockton.

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Review of the Statement of Principles for Gambling Premises.

The Authority was required by the Gambling Act 2005 to publish a statement of the principles that it proposed to apply when exercising its functions under the Act, in the form of a Gambling Policy. This policy statement must be published every three years. The Council's policy statement took effect in January 2013 and was due for review.

The purpose of the report was for Members to consider the views and comments received from the Licensing Committee and other interested parties following consultation on the proposed revised policy.

Consultation closed on the 20 October 2015. A small number of responses were received including substantive comments from Luxury Leisure Limited, Gosschalks Solicitors (on behalf of the Association of British Bookmakers) and Coral Racing Limited

The policy and comments received were considered at the Licensing Committee held on the 20 October 2015 when consideration was given to amending the draft policy to take account of some of the points raised. These changes had been incorporated into the final draft policy attached to the report.

The main changes to the policy were detailed within the report.

Further minor changes had been made to the draft policy following the comments received during the consultation exercise. These were detailed within the report.

A copy of the final draft policy was attached to the report.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the revised Statement of Principles for

Gambling Premise as presented in Appendix 1 be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 requires licensing authorities to publish a “statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions” under the Act, applicable to a 3 year period.

The current Statement of Licensing Principles was approved by Council in January 2013 and under the provisions of the Act, needs to be reviewed prior to publication in January 2016.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 15 - Review of the Statement of Principles for Gambling Premises as he was a member of Grosvenor Casino.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

N/A

Proper Officer
07 August 2015