

Report to: Council
Subject: Gedling Gambling Statement of Principles
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Purpose of Report

To inform Members of the progress made producing the new Gedling Gambling Statement of Principles and for full Council to adopt the new Gambling Statement.

Information

The Gambling Act 2005 requires Licensing Authorities to prepare and publish at least every three years a statement of the principles that they propose to apply when exercising their gambling functions. The existing Gambling Statement for this Authority is coming up for renewal by the end of 2012. Officers have carried out statutory consultation of the draft new statement with bodies and organisations representing the trade, the Gambling Commission and Responsible Authorities under the Act including the Chief Constable, HM Revenues and Customs and the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board and to date no responses have been received.

The changes to the existing policy are minor as follows:

Paragraph	Change
2.17	Added “applied for or”
3.11	Removed “with limited exceptions”
3.12	E.g. loud speakers added for clarification
4.1	”sites and area” replaced with “premises”
4.2	“may” replaced with “will”
4.10	Rewritten for clarity
4.13	“holder added for clarification”
4.19	Changes to simplify
4.36	Added for advice
4.46	Removal of “and a premises license from this authority”

A copy of the new Gedling Gambling Statement of Principles is attached to this report.

Implications

Adoption of the new Gambling Statement of Principles will allow this Authority to continue to meet with the statutory requirements of the gambling legislation and enable Members and officers to correctly exercise their functions under the legislation.

Financial implications

There are no financial implications.

Recommendation

Members are recommended to adopt the new Gambling Statement of Principles for this Authority.