

**Report to:** Licensing Act Committee

**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 to refer the policy to 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 2015. 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.

One response was received from a betting company in support of the document and the changes.

The changes to the existing statement are minor as follows:

<b>Paragraph</b>	<b>Change</b>
1.7	Include title 'Declaration'
1.9	Amend title to 'Local Area Profile' and add a paragraph describing how the local area profile was prepared.
1.11	Amend to 'National Lottery is now regulated by the Gambling Commission'
Section 2	New section entitled 'Local Risk Assessments' All subsequent sections re-numbered
Section 3.4	Add two bullet points at the end
Section 3.8	Add additional bullet point 3
Section 3.12(v)	Add new bullet point 3
Section 3.22	Amend paragraph at Section 3.22

## **Appendix**

**Appendix 1** - 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.

### **Reasons for recommendation**

To ensure that the Authority continue to meet with the statutory requirements of the gambling legislation and enable Members and officers to correctly exercise their functions under the legislation.

### **Recommendation**

Members are recommended to:

1. Approve the amendments to the existing Gambling Statement of Principles as detailed in the report.
2. Refer the amended Gambling Statement of Principles to full Council for adoption.