

SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: THE COMMITTEE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY

BY: HEAD OF COMMUNITY & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

SUBJECT: GAMBLING ACT 2005

PURPOSE: TO CONSIDER REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED FOLLOWING CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES IN RESPECT OF THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1.1 The Gambling Act 2005 places a duty on the Licensing Authority to publish a statement of principles, following a consultation period with responsible bodies and those with an interest. We have conducted quite a comprehensive consultation with all those identified either statutorily as 'responsible bodies' or those with an interest. The 3 month consultation period has now ended.

2.0 REPRESENTATIONS

2.1.1 5 representations were received as part of the consultation exercise. A copy of all the representations are attached at **Appendix A to this report**.

2.1.2 In order to assist the committee, officers have reviewed the representations received and where it was felt appropriate to do so, the draft statement of principles has been amended to reflect those representations.

3.0 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

3.1 The proposed (final) statement of principles has been produced accordingly and is contained at **Appendix B to this report**.

4.0 LEGAL & FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 We are under a legal duty to produce and publish a statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005. This will be done so, by producing the statement of principles, there will no legal or financial implications for South Holland District Council associated with the report or recommendations.

5.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

5.1. There are no staffing implications associated with this report.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that the committee direct officers on any changes they wish to make in respect of the final statement of principles so that it can be put before full council for approval.

Appendices:- Appendix A – Representations received through consultation process
Appendix B - Proposed final statement of principles

Background papers:- Gambling Act 2005
Draft format of statement of principles before representations included
Gambling Commission Guidance to Local Authorities

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

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