



NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Directorate:	Public Protection
Head of Service:	Steve Eley
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Report Title	Gambling Act 2005 Licensing Policy Statement
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1. Recommendations

To enable Northampton Borough Council (the Council) to approve the appended Gambling Act 2005 *Statement of Licensing Principles* (Appendix 1).

2. Summary

Every 3 years, the Gambling Act 2005 (the 2005 Act) requires Licensing Authorities to publish a statement of principles that they intend to apply when exercising their related functions. The appended Northamptonshire 2005 Act *Statement of Licensing Principles* (the Principles Document) was consulted widely and collectively finalized prior to being put before respective Committees

3. Report Background

The 2005 Act has three clear objectives:

- Keeping gambling crime free
- Making sure that gambling is fair and open
- Protecting children and vulnerable adults

Further detail of the objectives of the 2005 Act, and how its delivery is proposed locally can be found in the appended Principles Document. The Council adopted the existing Principles Document on 27th November 2006. The Document is legally subject to a 3-yearly review.

The foundation of the Document is Countywide and essentially reflects the Gambling Commissions Guidance to Licensing Authorities (3rd Edition) and the Local Authorities Coordinators of Regulatory Services (LACORS) guidance on what should be included in such a Principles Document.

No comments were received on the Document during the consultation phase and it was subsequently agreed as a final document to put forward to respective Northamptonshire Councils at a meeting of the Northants Licensing Liaison Group on Friday 13 November 2009.

3A. Any Relevant Policies

Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Principles.

4. Options and Evaluation of Options

The adoption of the Principles will facilitate Northampton Borough Council's delivery of the duties and powers encompassed in the Gambling Act 2005.

5. Resource Implications (including Financial Implications)

The development of the Principles by a number of partners has led to efficiencies and consistency.

The issuing of licenses will continue to generate income revenue.

As there are a number of agencies involved in enforcement issues surrounding the 2005 Act, formal liaison arrangements are an essential process to ensure support for each partner

6. Consultees (Internal and External)

Internal	
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External	As at Appendix C in the consultation document.
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7. Compliance Issues

Legal Comments
Enforcement issues are included in the original Policy. The Council must approve the Principles before 31 January 2010.
Finance Comments
N/A

8. Background Papers

Title	Description	Source

Gambling Act 2005 and Guidance Produced by the Gambling Commission

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