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SUBJECT:	GAMBLING ACT 2005 – STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1. Recommendations

1.1 That Members approve and adopt the Council's Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy ("the Policy").

2. Purpose of Report

2.1 To provide Members with the outcome of a consultation with interested parties.

2.2 To advise Members that the draft Policy was approved by Environmental and Development Services Committee on 1st October 2015.

2.3 To provide Members with the necessary information to be able to give full consideration to the recommendation contained in paragraph 1.1 of this report.

3. Detail

3.1 Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 ("the Act") requires the Licensing Authority to prepare and publish a statement of the principles every 3 years. The Licensing Authority's current Policy was published in January 2013.

3.2 As part of the Social Responsibility Code, from April 2016, operators will be required to assess the local risks to the licensing objectives posed by the provision of gambling facilities at each premises. To assist in the production of the local risk assessments, the Policy details what is expected of operators in providing gambling facilities. In addition, the Licensing Authority will produce a local area profile to assist operators in producing their local risk assessments. This will be a stand-alone document and will be in place for April 2016 and reviewed as required.

Consultation

- 3.3 The Act requires the Licensing Authority to consult with interested parties on any revision of the Policy. The consultation took place between 13th July 2015 and 4th September 2015. Copies of the Policy were sent to all Responsible Authorities, existing licensees and other major stakeholders. The Policy was also placed on the Council's website. A full list of the people consulted can be found at Appendix B of the draft Policy.
- 3.4 One response was received in relation to the Policy from Councillor Harrison. No other responses were received. The draft Policy is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 3.5 On 1st October 2015, the draft Policy was approved by Members at the Environmental and Development Services Committee.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications to the Council.
- 4.2 Recommendation 1.1 will have no financial implications on existing licence holders.

5. Corporate Implications

- 5.1 These proposals will provide a clear framework for anyone wishing to start their own business which will contribute directly to the corporate vision to make South Derbyshire a better place to live, work, and visit, and to the theme of sustainable growth and opportunity.
- 5.2 These proposals will continue to demonstrate to members of the public that the Council takes the protection of local residents, children, and vulnerable adults from the potential harms of gambling activities seriously, which contributes to the theme of safety and security.