

**Blaby District Council
Council**

Date of Meeting	28 January 2025
Title of Report	3 Year Review of Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles This is a Key Decision and is on the Forward Plan.
Lead Member	Cllr. Les Phillimore - Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services
Report Author	Environmental Health Manager
Strategic Themes	Growing and supporting our economy

1. What is this report about?

- 1.1 A review of the Council's Statement of Principles is required under the Gambling Act 2005 every 3 years. The current Statement of Principles expires on 31st March 2025.
- 1.2 The purpose of the report is to inform Council that only minor amendments to the current Statement of Principles has been made.

2. Recommendation(s) to Council

- 2.1 That the draft Statement of Principles 2025 - 2028 as attached at Appendix A to this report be agreed and adopted.

3. Reason for Decisions Recommended

- 3.1 It is appropriate that members of the Council review the Statement of Principles 2025-2028 prior to its adoption by Council.
- 3.2 This is to ensure that any last-minute amendments can be incorporated into the final Statement, prior to it being published, with the aim that it takes effect from 1st April 2025.

4. Matters to consider

4.1 Background.

Under the Gambling Act 2005 the Licensing Authority is required to publish a Statement of Principles every three years, outlining the procedures it intends to follow in discharging its statutory responsibilities under the Act. The Council approved its existing Statement of Principles in 2022.

The Gambling Commission gives guidance on the preparation of Statements of Principles together with details on the consultation process, which must be followed. The current guidance has been taken into consideration when reviewing this statement of principles.

The reviewed Statement of Principles outlines how the Licensing Authority will exercise its functions under the Act in the grant, issue, administration and enforcement of licences, permits and registrations.

Given that there have been no significant changes to the legislation or relevant guidance, only minor changes in the draft Statement of Principles 2025-2028 have been made from the current Statement of Principles.

4.2 Proposal(s)

That the draft Statement of Principles 2022-2025 as attached at Appendix A to this report be agreed and adopted.

4.3 Relevant Consultations

A consultation exercise was commenced on 12th October 2024 and ran for 4 weeks finishing on 15th November 2024. The Authority issued correspondence detailing the consultation process to interested parties/bodies and agencies. A list of those consulted can be referred to in Appendix B.

Two comments were received from consultees during the consultation period. The first being from The County Fire Brigade, who offered no issues and the second from The Betting and Gaming Council with recommendations to delete paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4 in Part B due to being obsolete. These recommendations have been implemented.

4.4 Significant Issues

Legal Implications:

The Authority is required to review its Statement of Principles every 3 years as a statutory requirement under the Gambling Act 2005.

4.5 In preparing this report, the author has considered issues related to Human Rights, Legal Matters, Human Resources, Equalities, Public Health Inequalities and there are no areas of concern.

5. Environmental impact

No Net Zero and Climate Impact Assessment (NZCIA) is required for this report.

6. What will it cost and are there opportunities for savings?

6.1 There are no costs or saving opportunities.

	Current year	2025/26
Revenue	N/a	N/a
Capital	N/a	N/a

7. What are the risks and how can they be reduced?

7.1 No risk attached.

Current Risk	Actions to reduce the risks
N/a	N/a

8. Other options considered

The Licensing Authority has no other option but to review its Statement of Principles every 3 years as it is a statutory requirement of the Gambling Act 2005.

9. Appendix

- 9.1 Appendix A – Draft Statement of Principles 2025-2028
- 9.2 Appendix B – Consultee List.

10. Background paper(s)

- ## 10.1 Gambling Commission Guidance to Licensing Authorities

<https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-to-licensing-authorities>

- ## 10.2 Public Health Gambling Harms - Blaby

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