

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director People and Places (Introduced by the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods)	Council	13 April 2010

GAMBLING ACT 2005 – LICENSING STATEMENT OF POLICY REVIEW

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform Members of the results of the recent consultation on the Councils Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Policy document and seek its continued adoption

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Policy as presented at Appendix A be adopted.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

3. The Council as licensing authority under the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005 is required in accordance with Section 349 of the Act to formulate, consult and adopt a Gambling Act Statement of Licensing Policy which will guide the Council when considering applications under the Act.
4. In January 2007 the Council adopted and published its Gambling Act 2005 Licensing Statement of Policy in accordance with statutory obligations. The policy is required by statute to be reviewed and consulted upon every three years.
5. A consultation process has been undertaken on the existing statement of policy during December 2009 and January 2010. The list of consultees is contained within the policy document.
6. During the consultation period which closed on 22 January 2010 no representations were received and in accordance with the consultation statement no revisions to the policy or principles of the policy have been made.
7. The Gambling Act 2005 Licensing Statement of Policy document has been amended to take account of organisational changes in the last three years and is attached to this report as Appendix A.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

(If the recommendations are accepted)

8. To ensure the Council meets its statutory obligations under the Gambling Act 2005 and has adopted a licensing policy relating to gambling that meets the overall licensing objectives of the legislation.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

9. None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

10. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the Central Lancashire sub-region		Develop local solutions to climate change.	
Improving equality of opportunity and life chances		Develop the Character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	√
Involving people in their communities		Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organization	√

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

11. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	√	No significant implications in this area	

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSFORMATION

12. The review of the Gambling Act policy is a legal requirement. The procedures followed are correct. No further comment

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DIRECTOR OF TRANSFORMATION

There are no background papers to this report.

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