

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: LICENSING COMMITTEE

DATE: THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2012

REPORT BY: THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

SUBJECT: THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 - THREE YEAR
LICENSING POLICY 2013 - 2016

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To request that Members consider and approve the proposed Gambling Act 2005 Three Year Licensing Policy which will cover 2013 – 2016.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 It is a requirement of Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 that a Licensing Authority shall before each successive period of three years prepare a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under the Act and publish that statement.

2.02 Flintshire's existing policy which fulfils the function came into force on 31st January 2010 and lasts for 3 years.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 Flintshire County Council has been administering and enforcing the requirements of the Gambling Act since it became operational.

3.02 In the light of this experience the Council is not minded to depart significantly from the existing Policy document apart from updating any factual information that has changed.

3.03 The legislation requires a consultation process to be undertaken. This has been carried out and ended on 19th October 2012. A schedule of those consulted is shown as Appendix A. The response received is summarised in Appendix B, together with the view of the Licensing Authority.

3.04 The proposed Statement of Licensing Policy is shown at Appendix C.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 That Members approve the Flintshire County Council Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy to cover the period 2013 – 2016.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 None in respect of this report. Consultation process funded from licensing income.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 One of the Gambling Act Licensing Objectives is to protect children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 As detailed above and in the appendices.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 As detailed above and in the appendices.

12.00 APPENDICES

Appendix A – Consultation schedule.

Appendix B – Summarised response to consultation.

Appendix C – Proposed Statement of Licensing Policy.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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