

Meeting:	Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date:	24 September 2009
Subject:	Revised Gambling Policy – for approval by Full Council
Responsible Officer:	Brendon Hills, Corporate Director of Community & Environment
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Susan Hall, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety.
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Draft Gambling Policy○ Responses to consultation

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

Recommendations:

1. For information and comment

Reason: (For recommendation)

The Revised Policy has been approved by the Licensing and General Purposes Committee on 7 September 2009 and will be presented to the Full Council for approval.

Section 2 – Report

Background

Under Section 349 of the Gambling Act, a licensing authority must prepare a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under this Act. Under s166 of the Gambling Act, a licensing authority may resolve not to issue Casino Premises Licences. This Authority currently has a 'no casino' resolution which is effective for three years, also from 11 December 2006, and the draft Policy contains statement proposing to continue this.

The draft revised Policy was under public consultation from 18 May 2009 to 7 August 2009 and the responses received are attached to this report.

Other options considered

The options are limited as the process is legislative and is dictated by the Act itself and the Gambling Commission's guidance. We have no discretion as to the making of a statement of policy, although there is some discretion as to the content of the statement.

Legal Implications

As noted above, it is a statutory requirement that the Authority produces a statement of the principles that it proposes to apply in exercising its functions under the Act every three years.

Financial Implications

None

Risk Management Implications

As above

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Narinder Heer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 15/9/09		
Name: Paresh Mehta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 15/9/09		

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Revised Draft Gambling Policy
Responses to consultation

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	YES /
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES /