

## Gambling Policy Statement 2025 – 2028

### Appendix 2

Name	Response
William Rae Vice Chair of the Community Council Forum	<p>These are the thoughts of the Community Council Forum which is made up of representatives from all Community Councils in Aberdeen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At Section 7 - Consider including Community Councils as Interested Parties.</li><li>• Also Gambling addiction is harmful with respect to financial stress and mental health. Add a requirement to consider the location of gambling facilities in respect of the risk - based on demographic and health data relating to that location.</li><li>• Is there an opportunity to feed into the Policy regarding vulnerable people and those with addictions, as to what support mechanisms were in place to support those individuals. Is there an element of care for those individuals that should be included in the policy.</li></ul>
Neil Grant Police Scotland	We are happy with the amended Policy Statement.
Shona Milne Chief Office – Education & LL Learning	Having read through the policy there is nothing of concern. Issues related to the proximity to schools have been highlighted .
Michael Hutchison Councillor for George Street/Harbour	<p>I don't mean to offer any substantive comments but section 3, geographic area, states that Aberdeen is the 8th largest local authority in Scotland. I'm not sure if this line is needed in the first place but I understood we were the 25th largest and 8th most populous.</p> <p>Probably not what you were looking for but figured I'd flag it.</p>

<p>Phil Mackie Consultant in Public Health, NHS Grampian</p>	<p>As a general premises licensing policy, I can see why the policy was drafted how it was, though some of the assumptions underpinning the policy and its updates need to be thought through more carefully.</p> <p>It is welcome that the policy recognises that gambling harms exist (though again some of these should have been updated appropriately). However, my main concern is that the absolute focus on premises means that the policy does not address the really address the contributions that regulation can – and should – make to managing gambling harms. The main message I took from the policy was that the Board considers all gambling harms fall outside of its scope unless these are harms that accrue <b><i>within a licenced premise</i></b>. The responsible authorities for acting are noted, but there is no clarity on what support the Board would give to those organisations in taking appropriate action which would contribute towards the achievement of the Licencing Objectives.</p> <p>I note that the policy is expected to come into operation at the end of this month. I would suggest that in its present form, the policy be implemented on an interim basis to give opportunity for a wider reconsideration around the contribution of the Board within the context of gambling harms reduction.</p>
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