

ABERDEEN CITY LICENSING BOARD

DATE : 26 JUNE 2012

TITLE OF REPORT: GAMBLING STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES 2013 - 2016

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Members that the three year Statement of Policy in terms of Section 349(1) of the Gambling Act 2005 ('the Act') requires to be reviewed and revised.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

To note the contents of the report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

- 5.1 Section 349 (1) of the Act requires all licensing authorities to prepare and publish every three years a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their function under the Act during the three year period to which the policy applies.

The Licensing Authority Statement of Policy will last for a maximum of three years, but can be reviewed at any time. The Board's current policy runs from January 2010 to January 2013. Members are invited to view the policy on the Board's website at aberdeencity.gov.uk/law_licensing/licences/licensing/lic_gamblingact.asp

The Policy requires to be reviewed, revised and published by 3 January 2013.

- 5.2 Section 349 (3) of the Act requires the licensing authority to consult with the following on the Statement of Policy or any subsequent revision:

- Chief Constable

- One or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the authority's area
- One or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's function under this Act.

The Gambling Commission's Guidance to Licensing Authorities 3rd Edition suggests that licensing authorities may wish to consider consulting with a range of organisations including: faith groups, voluntary and community organisations working with children and young people, organisations working with people who are problem gamblers, medical practices or primary care trusts, and advocacy organisations, other tiers of local government, holders of gambling premises licences and responsible authorities named in the Act.

Officers will conduct a written consultation allowing 8 weeks for responses to it. The results of the consultation will thereafter be reported back to the Board for its consideration.

6. IMPACT

An Equality Impact Assessment will be carried out.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Gambling Commission's Guidance to Licensing Authorities 3rd Edition May 2009.

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