
Licensing Committee

21 November 2018

52. Gambling Act 2005 Triennial Review of Statement of Licensing Policy

The Licensing Team Leader:

- a. presented a report to update Licensing Committee on the result of the consultation on the Statement of Licensing Policy (the Policy) under the Gambling Act 2005 ('the Act')
- b. advised that if approved at Licensing Committee members were asked to forward the policy to Full Council for adoption.
- c. informed members that the Act required the Licensing Authority to publish its Statement of Licensing Policy at least every three years, which in this case must be published by 31 January 2019
- d. highlighted that the draft policy had been forwarded to 51 persons/organisations, and all members of Licensing Committee as part of the consultation process.
- e. advised that there had been five responses resulting from the consultation process as detailed at paragraph 4 and associated appendices to the report
- f. detailed minor amendments made to the policy as a result of the consultation process also covered within paragraph 4 of the officers report
- g. invited members' questions and comments.

Members discussed the content of the report in further detail.

Members queried whether proposed changes in parliament to reduce the maximum stakes for Fixed Odds Betting Terminals may result in the policy having to be referred back to Licensing Committee for amendment.

The Licensing Team Leader confirmed that:

- A link was provided within the City of Lincoln Statement of Policy to the Gambling Commission's official website which was regularly updated to accommodate any legislative changes.
- The Licensing Authority would need to monitor any potential negative impact on the wellbeing of members of the public in the event that stakes on fixed odds betting terminals were drastically reduced and betting shops turned their focus to new 'income streams' to compensate for loss of earnings.

RESOLVED that:

1. The draft City of Lincoln Gambling Act Statement of Policy be forward to Full Council for adoption.

2. Member's comments be noted.