

## Cullen, Ian (City of Lincoln Council)

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**From:** Contact <Contact@BeGambleAware.org>  
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**To:** Cullen, Ian (City of Lincoln Council)  
**Subject:** RE: Gambling Act 2005 Policy Consultation - City of Lincoln Council

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Dear Ian

Thank you for consulting us on your draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.

Due to resource constraints on a small charity, we are not able to offer specific feedback on your policy. However, you may find GambleAware's recently published [interactive maps](#) useful, which have been designed for use by local authorities. The maps show the prevalence of problem gambling severity in each local authority and ward area as well as usage of, and reported demand for, treatment and support for gambling harms.

GambleAware also strongly commends two publications by the Local Government Association which set out the range of options available to local authorities to deal with gambling-related harms using existing powers:

- <https://www.local.gov.uk/tackling-gambling-related-harm-whole-council-approach>
- <https://www.local.gov.uk/gambling-regulation-councillor-handbook-england-and-wales>

GambleAware is also fully supportive of local authorities which conduct an analysis to identify areas with increased levels of risk for any reason. In particular we support those who also include additional licence requirements to mitigate the increased level of risk. Areas where there are higher than average resident or visiting populations from groups we know to be vulnerable to gambling harms include children, the unemployed, the homeless, certain ethnic-minorities, lower socio-economic groups, those attending mental health (including gambling disorders) or substance addiction treatment services.

Finally, GambleAware is a leading commissioner of prevention and treatment services for gambling harms. It provides these functions across England, Scotland and Wales and its work is underpinned by high quality research, data and evaluation. We encourage all local authorities to signpost people to the **National Gambling Helpline on 0808 8020 133** and also [www.begambleaware.org](http://www.begambleaware.org). Both are part of the **National Gambling Treatment Service** and offer free, confidential advice and support for those who may need it.

**From:** Cullen, Ian (City of Lincoln Council)   
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**Subject:** Gambling Act 2005 Policy Consultation - City of Lincoln Council

Dear all,

### **GAMBLING ACT 2005 – STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

The Gambling Act 2005 requires all licensing authorities to prepare and publish a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under the Act during the three-year period to which the policy applies.

The list of persons to be consulted is deliberately wide and thus enables us to undertake a comprehensive consultation exercise with anyone who may be affected by or otherwise have an interest in the licensing statement and give appropriate weight to the views of those it has consulted before publishing the statement.