

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE**

**12<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**REPORT AUTHOR: Senior Licensing Officer**

**SUBJECT: Draft Statement of Principles, Gambling Act 2005**

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**REPORT FOR: For decision**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 On 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015, the Statement of Principles for the Gambling Act 2005 was presented to you in draft form. It was decided that the document should be sent out for public consultation.

**2. CONSULTATION**

- 2.1 The document was sent out to all the consultees as required by the Gambling Act 2005. Any comments were to be made to the department by the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015.

**3 COMMENTS**

- 3.1 The amendments highlighted by the committee have been made.
- 3.2 The Gambling Commission asked that we consider adding some more information on risk assessments. The amendments have been included in the new document
- 3.3 The Campaign for Fairer Gambling has contacted all licensing authorities in England and Wales, which requested we consider their recommendations in relation to Fixed Odds Betting Terminals,(FOBT), under age test purchasing and tighter licence conditions. Their recommendations were considered and the underage sales and the tighter licence conditions have been included in the Statement of Principles.
- 3.4 It was felt that if we included the reduction in FOBT, we may be open to legal challenge from any new betting shop operators opening in the area.
- 3.5 Corals made representations with regard to the risk assessments, which are required to be carried out by operator. Their comments were noted and changes were made to the policy where appropriate.

3.6 Gosschalks Solicitors made representations on behalf of the Association of British Bookmakers. The comments were once again in relation to the risk assessments, and were in line with Corals comments. .

#### 4 Powys County Council

4.1 Members are invited to recommend to Full Council on 21<sup>st</sup> October that the final draft Statement of Principles made under the Gambling Act 2005, be approved to commence on 1st January 2016

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Reason for Recommendation:</b>
For approval to be sent to Full Council.	N/A

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