

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 1 NOVEMBER 2012

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

7. GAMBLING ACT 2005: STATEMENT OF LICENSING PRINCIPLES:
RESPONSE TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report:

- This report details responses to an 8 week consultation process during August to October 2012 to consider draft changes to the Statement of Licensing Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LICENSING COMMITTEE: That:

(A)	The nil response to public consultation be noted; and
(B)	The draft Statement of Licensing Principles 2013 – 2016, subject to amendments proposed by Licensing Committee, be recommended to full Council for approval.

1.0 Background

1.1 The Licensing Authority (East Herts Council) is required to prepare, consult and then publish a Statement of Principles that it proposes to apply in exercising its functions under The Gambling Act 2005. The Statement must be reviewed every three years, and is now due for republication by January 31st 2013.

1.2 IT were requested to publish a public consultation, to take place in the 8 week period ending 12 October 2012. Responses were also invited from Members in their capacity as consultees, and proposed amendments were made to the draft document at Licensing Committee in July.

2.0 Report

2.1 No responses were received to the public consultation.

2.2 The determination of the Statement of Principles must be by the Full Council, and it is intended that this will take place in January 2013.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None.

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