

Licensing Committee

05 December 2018



Title	Statement of Gambling Policy 2019 – 2022 – Key Decision		
Purpose of the report	To make a recommendation to Council on a Key Decision		
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Cabinet Member	Councillor Daxa Patel	Confidential	No
Corporate Priority	Clean and Safe Environment		
Recommendations	Licensing Committee is asked to consider consultation responses and recommend a revised Statement of Gambling Policy 2019 – 2022 to Council for adoption.		
Reason for Recommendation	Statutory requirement under the Gambling Act 2005.		

1. Key issues

- 1.1 Spelthorne must review its Statement of Gambling Policy at least every three years. The current policy will therefore need to be revised this year, and the revised version must be published by 3 January 2019 to be brought into effect by 31 January 2019.
- 1.2 The Licensing Committee agreed a draft revised policy for consultation on 31 October 2018. Consultation took place between 1 November 2018 and 29 November 2018 with stakeholders such as Surrey Police, gambling businesses and other organisations affected by gambling activities. There is discretion to consult more widely and the list of organisations and groups that have been consulted are contained in Annex 2 of the draft policy.
- 1.3 During the consultation period, three responses were received from:-
 - Gamcare
 - the Racecourse Association, RCA
 - the Association of British Bookmakers, ABB

These responses are attached as **Appendices A, B and C** respectively, with officer comments noted on them.

2. Options analysis and proposal

- 2.1 The preferred option is for Licensing Committee to recommend the policy to Council for adoption - subject to minor changes as suggested by officers in comments noted on the appendices - in accordance with the timetable set out in this report.

2.2 There is an option for Licensing Committee to amend the policy. However if the Committee decides on the latter course of action this may cause a delay in implementation of the policy beyond the required time limit.

2.3 Licensing Committee is asked to recommend approval of the revised Statement of Gambling Policy 2019 – 2022 to Council

3. Financial implications.

3.1 The costs of revising the policy and the consultation exercise will be met within existing budgets.

4. Other considerations

4.1 In revising the policy and conducting the required consultation the Council will meet the requirements of the 2005 Act.

5. Timetable for implementation

5.1 The proposed timetable is as follows:

- Report to Licensing Committee on 5 December 2018 to seek a recommendation to adopt a final proposed policy.
- Recommendation to Council on 13 December 2018 to adopt the final proposed policy.
- Publish updated policy and add to Spelthorne's website by 3 January 2019 to take effect from 31 January 2019.

Background papers: There are none

Appendices:

Appendix A response from Gamcare, received 2 November 2018.

Appendix B response from the Racecourse Association (RCA), received on 6 November 2018.

Appendix C response from the Association of British Bookmakers (ABB), received on 30 November 2018.