

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

DECISION

meeting date: 2 NOVEMBER 2021  
title: GAMBLING ACT 2005 – REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES –  
OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION  
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
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## 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To consider and approve the Council's Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 for 2022-2025.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives }
- Corporate Priorities }
- Other Considerations }

The Council seeks to be a well-managed Council. Reviewing policies which guide the Council when making decisions contributes to this objective.

## 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Gambling Act 2005 (the "**Act**") gave the Council responsibility for licensing a variety of types of premises, for example betting offices and arcades. There are very few premises in the Council's area, which hold such licences. However, many premises licensed under the Licensing Act 2003 also hold permits under the Act for gaming machines.

2.2 The Act requires Councils to have a statement of principles, to publish it every three years and to review it from time to time. The Council's revised statement is required to be in place by January 2022.

2.3 On 7 September 2021, the Council's Licensing Committee reviewed the Council's Statement of Principles on Gambling ("**Statement**") as required by the Act. The Statement was approved by Committee to form the basis of a consultation exercise. That consultation ran from 10 September 2021 to 24 October 2021.

2.5 At the date of this report the Council has received no responses from those consulted. If responses are received before the consultation closes, they will be reported to Committee at the meeting.

## 3 ISSUES.

3.1 In the absence of responses, Committee is asked to approve the Statement as set out in **Appendix 1** to this report and recommend its adoption to Full Council.

#### 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – N/A
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – It is a statutory requirement to review the policy.
- Political – No implications identified.
- Reputation – Reviewing the statement will enhance the Council's reputation as a well-managed Council.
- Equality & Diversity – No implications identified.

#### 5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL**

5.1 Approve the Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 for 2022-2025 and recommend its adoption to Full Council.

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#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Report to Licensing Committee 7 September 2021

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