

Statement of Gambling Principles Questionnaire

This questionnaire should be read in conjunction with the revised policy. Any new sections of the policy are included in red.

- 1. The policy currently includes a ‘no casino’ resolution for the entire borough. This resolution is made on the basis that the borough is mainly residential. Would you support the renewal of this resolution?**

Yes
No
Don't Know

- 2. This policy looks to address issues with Adult Gaming Centres (AGC's) and Family Entertainment Centres (FEC's) by requesting that opening hours are specified in future applications. This request is made as a result of complaints that some AGC's are operating late into the evening where planning restrictions are not in place. Do you agree with this request?**

Yes
No
Don't Know

- 3. The revised Policy looks to add a section on the primary use of premises. This section seeks to remind applicants that they must not apply for a particular licence only in an effort to make use of the gaming machine entitlement that the licence provides. Although this is currently illegal under the Gambling Act this section looks to reinforce the Council's position on this practice. Do you agree with the position the policy takes on primary use?**

Yes
No
Don't Know

- 4 Further information has also been provided in relation to the review of licensed premises at section 8 of the attached policy and the suggested conditions for premises at section 5. Are you broadly in favour of these amended sections?**

Yes
No
Don't Know

5 Would you be in favour of a pool of conditions, as are currently included in the Licensing Policy, for applicants to refer to when making a new Gambling application ? If so are you able to suggest any conditions which you would like to see added to the Policy ?

Yes
No
Don't Know

Please add any suggested conditions here :

6 Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centres (FECs), which do not hold a premises licence, are currently able to apply to the Council for a gaming machine permit to allow category D machines. We are unable to attach conditions to this type of permit but could adopt a statement of principles which any applicant would need to refer to. - FECs are often associated with seaside resorts and referred to as arcades. They normally offer video game machines alongside other gaming machines.

7 Do you agree broadly with the introduction of a statement of principles for FECs ?

Yes
No
Don't Know

8 It has been suggested that the statement of principles should ask unlicensed FEC operators to demonstrate the following :

- A full understanding of the maximum stakes and prizes of the gambling that is permissible in unlicensed FEC's
- That the applicant has no relevant convictions (those that are set out in Schedule 7 of the Act): and
- That staff are trained to have a full understanding of the maximum stakes and prizes.

9 Are there any additional considerations which you think should be taken into account within an FEC statement of principles ?

Yes
No
Don't Know

Please add any additional considerations for FECs here :

- 10 Relevant representations – A section is proposed to outline what wouldn't be acceptable in a representation to a new gambling application. Do you have any ideas or views on what shouldn't be acceptable within a representation ?**

- 11. Other minor changes to the wording of the policy have been included in red in the attached document. Please could you indicate in the box below if you are in favour with these changes, or if there is a particular point which you think should be added or excluded?**

12. Overall do you feel the policy is clearly written and easy to understand?

Yes

No

Don't Know

13. If you feel there is something this Policy has not adequately addressed or would like to make any other comments in relation to this consultation please detail them below: