



SOUTH KESTEVEN
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Equality Impact (Initial Analysis)

Gambling Statement of Principles

Service Area: Environmental	Lead officer: Anne-Marie Coulthard	Date of Meeting 12/06/19
	Assessors: Anne-Marie Coulthard	
	Neutral Assessor: Carol Drury	

1. Name and description of policy/service/function/strategy

Licensing Authorities licence gambling premises and issue a range of permits to authorise other gambling facilities in their area.

The Gambling Act 2005 requires Authorities on or before each successive period of three years, to prepare a Statement of Principles that they propose to apply in the exercise of their functions under the Act and to publish that Statement. The last Statement was published in January 2017 and is now under review.

The Statement sets out the Licensing Authorities approach to regulation and aims to control operators of licensed premises within the local area.

The licensing objectives are set out in the Act and are:

- preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime
- ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

Is this a new or existing policy? **Existing**

2. Complete the table below, considering whether the proposed policy/service/function/strategy could have any potential positive, or negative impacts on groups from any of the protected characteristics (or diversity strands) listed, using demographic data, user surveys, local consultations evaluation forms, comments and complaints etc.

Equality Group	Does this policy/service/function/strategy have a positive or negative impact on any of the equality groups? Please state which for each group	Please describe why the impact is positive or negative. If you consider this policy etc is not relevant to a specific characteristic please explain why
Age	Yes – under 18s	Positive - The statement sets out how the Licensing Authority will consider applications in accordance with licensing objectives. One is to protect children from being harmed or exploited by gambling. Premise Licence applicants must consider a range of relevant factors in their risk assessments as part of their application e.g. locations near schools

Disability	Yes – in respect of mental health and learning disability	See comment under “other Groups”
Race	Not applicable	
Gender Reassignment	Not applicable	
Religion or Belief	Not applicable	
Sex	Not applicable	
Sexual Orientation	Not applicable	
Pregnancy and Maternity	Not applicable	
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Not applicable	
Carers	Not applicable	
Other Groups (e.g. those from deprived (IMD*) communities; those from rural communities, those with an offending past) *(IMD = Indices of multiple deprivation)	Vulnerable persons – for regulatory purposes Gambling Commission guidance states “assume that this group includes people who gamble more than they want to; people who gamble beyond their means; and people who may not be able to make informed or balanced decisions about gambling due to mental health needs, learning disability, or substance misuse	Positive - ensuring that venues and staff of those venues are aware of vulnerable groups, are alert to excessive gambling and provide appropriate information for organisations that provide help such as GamCare. Where venues are operating outside of conditions or without appropriate permits, a range of enforcement provisions are available in the Act.

	relating to alcohol or drugs.”	
General comments		

3. What equality data/information did you use to inform the outcomes of the proposed policy/service/function/strategy? (Note any relevant consultation who took part and key findings)

The current Statement (2017-2020) was subject to consultation. A range of licences/permits have been issued under the current statement and no significant risks have been identified. However, in line with current guidance, the information to be provided as a minimum for Local Area Assessments (page 10 of the statement) has been increased in the latest Statement to provide for increased considerations relating to children and vulnerable people.

If there are any gaps in the consultation/monitoring data, how will this be addressed?

The revised Statement will be subject to consultation statutory consultees, relevant bodies and the public. Full list of consultees is at Appendix 2 of the Statement.

4. Outcomes of analysis and recommendations (please note you will be required to provide evidence to support the recommendations made): Please check one of the options.

a)	No major change needed: equality analysis has not identified any potential for discrimination or for negative impact and all opportunities to promote equality have been taken	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>If you have checked option a) you can now send this form to the Lead Officer and your Neutral Assessor for sign off</i>		
b)	Adjust the proposal to remove barriers identified by equality analysis or to better promote equality.	<input type="checkbox"/>

<i>If you have checked option b) you will need to answer questions b.1 and b.2</i>	
c)	Adverse impact but continue <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If you have checked option c) you will need to answer questions c.1</i>	
d)	Stop and remove the policy/function/service/strategy as equality analysis has shown actual or potential unlawful <input type="checkbox"/>

b.1 In brief, what changes are you planning to make to your proposed policy/service/function/strategy to minimise or eliminate the negative equality impacts?

b.2 Please provide details of whom you will consult on the proposed changes and if you do not plan to consult, please provide the rationale behind that decision.

If you have checked option b) you will need to complete a Stage 2 equality analysis

c.1 Please provide an explanation in the box below that clearly sets out your justification for continuing with the proposed policy/function/service/strategy.

If you have checked option c) you will need to complete a Stage 2 equality analysis. You should consider in stage 2 whether there are sufficient plans to reduce the negative impact and/or plans to monitor the actual impact.

Signed (Lead Officer): *Anne-Marie Coulthard*
(Name and title) *Head of Environmental*

Date completed: **12/06/19**

Signed (Neutral Assessor): *Carol Drury*
(Name and title) Community Engagement and Policy Development Officer

Date signed off: **12/06/19**

