

Meeting	Gambling, Licensing & Regulatory Committee
Date	16 November 2015
Present	Councillors Flinders, Gillies, Hayes, Hunter, Mason, Mercer, D Myers, Orrell and Taylor
Apologies	Councillors Douglas, Boyce, Aspden, Looker, Richardson and Shepherd

Part B - Matters Referred to Council

18. Statement of Licensing Policy - Gambling Act 2005

Members considered a report which advised them of the review of the Council's statement of licensing policy – Gambling Act 2005. The report sought a recommendation to full Council that the policy be approved.

Officers outlined the report and advised that Part C of the policy had the largest revision due to a new requirement from April 2016 for licensees to assess the local risks to the licensing objectives posed by the provisions of gambling facilities at each of their premises.

Following consultation, 6 responses had been received and the concerns were from the trade surrounding how the policy may impact how they currently operate.

Members queried a number of points, in particular the number of premises which held authorisations for gaming machines, which stood at 198 and whether this was a problem in York. Officers confirmed that there wasn't a problem in York in regard to the use of the machines.

Recommended: That full Council adopt the policy.

Reason: In order that the Council meets legislative requirements.

Councillor Gillies, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.20 pm].