

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE GAMBLING POLICY**

The attached policy details the Licensing Authority's approach to regulation under the Gambling Act 2005 having taken into account local circumstances. All operators are encouraged to use this document for guidance/reference purposes. In carrying out their functions the Licensing Authority will regulate gambling in the public interest and sections 3, 4 And 5 of the policy explain who can make representations on an application and in what circumstances.

The policy sets out the Licensing Authority's expectations in relation to operators with premises in the District/Borough and for all those wishing to apply for licences here in the future. For this reason it has been necessary to detail the Licensing Authority's approach to each specific function under the Act. Part B of the policy is devoted to this.

All applicants are expected to be pro-active in addressing the potential risks that their premises may pose and to demonstrate the steps they are prepared to take to mitigate those risks.

The Licensing Authority's approach to enforcement is also detailed in the policy for the sake of fairness and transparency (see Section 7).

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