

**Equality Impact Assessment  
Level One  
Initial Screening**

**Service Area...Environmental Health.....**

**Title of policy, procedure, strategy, function or working practice:**

**Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Principles (Policy)**

**1. What are the aims, objectives and intended outcomes of the proposed policy, procedure, strategy, function or working practice to be assessed?**

To publish a Statement of Principles (Policy) that the Council will apply in exercising their functions under the Gambling Act 2005.

**2. Who is intended to benefit from the policy, procedure, strategy, function or working practice and in what way? Think about who will benefit and how. This will prompt thoughts on who will not benefit and whether this can be justified.**

All residents and businesses associated with gambling will benefit because the Council will apply the policy in exercising their functions under the Gambling Act 2005.

Businesses with gambling interests, residents and community groups were included in a twelve week consultation period. No comments or responses were received from these groups during this twelve week consultation period.

**3. Is there any evidence of impact on people on the grounds of Race, Religion, Gender, Disability, Sexual orientation and age as a result of this policy, procedure, strategy, function or working practice. If there is positive or negative impact then please indicate the levels.**

**a. Race**

Impact : Positive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neutral	x
Level : High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	x

**b. Religion**

Impact : Positive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neutral	x
Level : High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	x

**c. Gender**

Impact : Positive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neutral	x
Level : High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	x

**d. Disability**

Impact : Positive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neutral	x
Level : High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	x

**e. Sexual Orientation**

Impact : Positive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neutral	x
Level : High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	x

**f. Age**

Impact : Positive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neutral	x
Level : High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	x

**4. Has any positive/negative impacts been identified which cannot be justified?**

NO - The effect is neutral because –

i)The Gambling Act 2005 contains 3 licensing objectives which are central to the act and underpins the functions that Licensing authorities perform. One of the three licensing objectives is –

‘Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling’.

The Gambling Commission and Licensing Authority i.e. Council has an overriding obligation to pursue and have regard to the licensing objectives.

ii) The Policy shouldn't have an adverse effect. If there is an adverse effect the steps

