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**Report of:** *Executive Director of Place*

**Report to:** *Co-operative Executive*

**Date of Decision:** *17<sup>th</sup> November 2021*

**Subject:** *Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles  
(Policy)*

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**Purpose of Report:**

*The report sets out the details of the revised Statement of Principles (Policy) to be published under the Gambling Act 2005 and details of the consultation process that has been undertaken.*

*The report seeks approval on the final version of the Statement of Principles (policy) and for it to be referred to Full Council.*

**Recommendations:**

*That the Co-operative Executive approve the Statement of Principles (Policy) for referral to Full Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.*

**Background Papers:**

*Appendix A – Summary of Consultation Results and Amendments*

*Appendix B - Summary of all Policy changes throughout the review*

*Appendix C - Gambling Act - Statement of Principles (Policy) – Tracked changed*

<b>Lead Officer to complete:-</b>	
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.
	Finance: <i>Kerry Darlow</i>
	Legal: <i>David Hollis</i>
	Equalities: <i>Annemarie Johnston</i>
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>	
2	<b>EMT member who approved submission:</b> <i>Michael Crofts</i>
3	<b>Cabinet Member consulted:</b> <i>Cllr Julie Grocutt</i>
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Decision Maker by the EMT member indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.
	<b>Lead Officer Name:</b> <i>Shimla Finch</i>
	<b>Job Title:</b> <i>Licensing Strategy and Policy Officer for the Licensing Service</i>
	<b>Date:</b> <i>8<sup>th</sup> November 2021</i>

## 1. PROPOSAL

- 1.1 The report sets out the details of the revised Statement of Principles (Policy) to be published under the Gambling Act 2005 and details of the consultation process that has been undertaken.
- 1.2 The report seeks approval on the final version of the Statement of Principles (policy) and for it to be referred to Full Council.

### **Background - The Gambling Regulatory Framework**

- 1.3 Gambling can take the form of 'non-remote' gambling, which takes place in a gambling premises, and 'remote' gambling, which is typically undertaken by phone or online. Councils do not have any regulatory responsibilities in relation to remote gambling.
- 1.4 The Gambling Commission is responsible for regulating gambling in accordance with the Act, and for issuing '[operating licences](#)' to gambling businesses and '[personal licences](#)' to individuals. To help fulfil its role, the Commission attach [licence conditions and issue codes of practice](#) relating to how gambling facilities should be provided, and [guidance](#) to Licensing Authorities on how to implement their responsibilities under the Act. Operators must have or be in the process of applying for an 'operating licence' before they apply for 'premises licences' in Local Authority areas.
- 1.5 Licensing Authorities are a key partner in gambling regulation, with a responsibility for overseeing 'non-remote' gambling in their local areas. This involves:
  - setting the local framework for gambling through their statement of principles
  - considering applications and issuing licences for premises where gambling takes place, with conditions where appropriate
  - reviewing or revoking premises licences
  - issuing permits for some forms of gambling
  - undertaking inspection and enforcement activities, including tackling illegal gambling.
- 1.6 Like the Gambling Commission, Licensing Authorities are bound by a statutory 'aim to permit' and must grant premises licences so long as applications are:
  - in accordance with the Gambling Commission's [codes of practice](#)
  - in accordance with the [guidance to local authorities](#)
  - in accordance with the licensing authority's own statement of principles
  - reasonably consistent with the [three licensing objectives](#).

## The Licensing Authority Statement of Principles

1.7 The Licensing Authority of Sheffield City Council has a legal duty to publish a Statement of Principles (policy) under the Gambling Act 2005 every three years. Section 349 (1) of the 2005 Act states:

“A licensing authority shall before each successive period of three years-  
(a) prepare a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under this Act during that period, and  
(b) publish the statement.”

1.8 The statement cannot create new requirements for applicants outside of the Act and cannot override the right of any person to make an application under the Act; make representations or seek a review of a licence. However, it can invite people and operators in particular to consider local issues and set out how they can contribute towards positively addressing them.

1.4 Sheffield City Council’s first Statement of Principles (policy) was published on 2nd January 2007 and has then been revised every three years. The Licensing Authority has updated the policy as required under section 349 (1) of the 2005 Act and has followed the same process as it did when consulting with previous policies.

1.5 The document has been produced in accordance with the 2005 Act; the [guidance](#) issued by the Gambling Commission and the [Gambling Act 2005 \(Licensing Authority Policy Statement\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2006](#).

1.6 The policy deals with all forms of non-remote gambling that are governed by the Gambling Act 2005 these include:

- Casinos
- Betting Shops
- Adult Gaming Centres
- Family Entertainment Centres
- Gaming Machines in Licensed Premises
- Temporary Use Notices
- Occasional Use Notices
- Bingo Halls
- Tracks
- Lotteries
- Club Gaming Machines

1.7 The policy deals with all types of applications including the grant of a new licence, variations (changes to an existing licence) and transfer of licences as well as the review of a licence.

1.8 The policy will guide the Licensing Committee when considering applications under the Act and aims to provide guidance to applicants, objectors, Responsible Authorities and all Interested Parties on the approach to gambling in the City and the requirements at a local level.

1.9 The Statement of Principles (Policy) sets the basis of decision-making under the Gambling Act 2005. It is the starting point for decisions but allows the discretion of the Council and for every application to be dealt with individually on its merits and may allow for departure where an applicant can satisfy the Council that the purpose of the Policy will not be undermined.

## **2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?**

2.1 It is intended that the Statement of Principles (Policy) will assist the Licensing Authority in carrying out its powers (administering and enforcing the Act) in a socially responsible manner, whilst promoting the three core objectives of the legislation, which are:

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

2.2 The policy document is designed to give clear and concise guidance to all those who need to use it:

- Licensing Authority Officers in processing applications;
- guides businesses when making applications in Sheffield;
- allows structured and evidence-based decision making for Officers and Councillors;
- ensures the relevant views of those affected by licensed premises are taken into consideration;
- ensures local area issues are taken into account by operators through their risk assessments of the local area in which they are applying; and
- the document supports the wider strategies and initiatives within the Council securing the integration of local plans and strategies e.g. crime prevention, child protection, planning and any other plans introduced for the management of the city as a whole or each individual area. This is detailed in Part 3 of the policy and is linked throughout the document in the policy sections

2.3 The structure and content of the policy document positively assists the Council to deliver and achieve its aims and visions for the City to be successful and safe to all who choose to enjoy, live, work, and study in Sheffield

## **3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?**

3.1 Relevant partners including the Sheffield Children Safeguarding Partnership and Public Health were consulted prior to the formal consultation to ensure the final draft was as comprehensive and current as possible.

3.2 The formal public consultation process for the Statement of Principles commenced on the 1st July 2021 and concluded on the 27th August 2021.

3.3 Section 349 (3) of the 2005 Act states:

“In preparing a statement or revision under this section a licensing authority shall consult –

(a) either-

(i) in England and Wales, the chief officer of police for the authority’s area, or

(ii) in Scotland, the chief constable of the police force maintained for the police area comprising that area,

(b) one or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the authority’s area, and

(c) one or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the authority’s functions under this act.”

A full list of consultees is listed at Appendix 2 of the policy document.

3.4 Approximately 3,000 letters and emails regarding the consultation have been sent out to various interested parties which include those bodies listed above in paragraph 3.3.

3.4 The consultation information was published on the Licensing Service web pages with active links to an online comments form on Citizen Space: [www.sheffield.gov.uk/gamblingpolicy](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/gamblingpolicy).

3.5 The Licensing Authority received 4 responses to the formal public consultation and amendments have been made to the policy where appropriate following legal advice. A summary of these responses and the reasons for any changes made to the policy following these responses is detailed at Appendix A of this report.

3.6 Appendix B of this report summarises all the changes made to the Statement of Principles throughout the review and consultation.

3.7 An updated tracked changed document of the Statement of Principles is attached at Appendix C.

3.8 The policy document and responses have been presented to the Licensing Committee on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 for their comments and their contributions have been noted and included.

## **4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION**

### **4.1 Equality of Opportunity Implications**

4.1.1 There are no adverse equality of opportunity implications arising from this report.

4.1.2 An Equality Impact Assessment has been prepared and retained (reference number 936).

## 4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

4.2.1 The work on the revision of the Statement of Principles (Policy) is a statutory duty placed upon us as the Licensing Authority and the work is undertaken within the current resources of the Licensing Service and is fully recovered through licence fees, therefore there are no additional financial and commercial implications to the Council arising from this report.

## 4.3 Legal Implications

4.3.1 The Council is required by section 349 the Gambling Act 2005 to adopt and update a policy every three years. Under the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, setting the policy is a function of both the executive (Co-operative Executive) in formulating or preparing the policy and non-executive (Full Council) in adopting the policy.

4.3.2 As stated above the draft policy must be consulted upon and the product of consultation must, as a matter of law, be conscientiously taken into account when finalising the decision to refer the matter to Full Council.

4.3.3 A policy cannot change the legislative provisions under the Gambling Act 2005 but can set a basis on how those legislative provisions will be implemented. A policy will be the starting point and should be followed unless in an individual case there is good reason not to. In establishing a good reason the burden is on an applicant to show that the purpose behind a policy will not be undermined if it is departed from.

4.3.4 In approving the draft policy for consideration by Full Council, the Co-operative Executive should have regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty under s 149 of the Equality Act 2010 which has three aims. It requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it; and
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

## 4.4 Other Implications

4.4.1 Health impacts have been considered as part of this policy and a Health Impact Assessment screening tool has been completed in conjunction with the Equality Impact Assessment. No further implications have been identified.

**5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

5.1 No further alternative options considered.

**6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 It is recommended that the Co-operative Executive approve the Statement of Principles (Policy) for referral to Full Council on the 1st December 2021.

6.2 The reason for this recommendation is to ensure compliance with the Council's statutory requirements set out in the 2005 Act and associated regulations and guidance to have the policy approved by Full Council and published in time for the Statement of Principles to be in effect in January 2022.

# **Appendix 'A'**

**(Consultation Responses Summary and updates made)**

# Consultation Comments Received

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No.	Name	Organisation / Details	Overview of comments	Has the policy been updated following the comments?
1	Personal details not published	<p><b>Gamble Aware</b></p> <p>An independent charity that commissions evidence informed prevention and treatment services in partnership with expert organisations and agencies.</p>	<p>No specific feedback on SCC policy document. Supports Local Authorities which identify areas with increased levels of risk and require additional requirements to mitigate increased risks</p> <p>Encouraging all local authorities to signpost people to the National Gambling Helpline on 0808 8020 133 and also <a href="http://www.begambleaware.org">www.begambleaware.org</a>. Both are part of the National Gambling Treatment Service and offer free, confidential advice and support for those who may need it.</p>	<p>No changes made: Our policy already identifies areas where there are potential increased risks in sensitive locations in Part 5 of the policy.</p> <p>Yes, changes made Our policy includes full details of local and national support services in Part 13 which includes Gamble Aware. The contact details of the National Gambling helpline have been added to the local support services in Part 13 of the policy.</p>
2	Gosschalks Solicitors on behalf of the Betting and Gaming Council (BCG)	<p><b>Betting and Gambling Council (BCG)</b></p> <p>A standards body committed to championing safer gambling. Represent U.K. licensed betting shops, casinos and online operators.</p>	<p>Information provided about the BCG / betting and gaming in the UK / problem gambling / working in partnership with local authorities / differences between Licensing Act and Gambling Act applications.</p> <p>Considerations specific to Sheffield City Councils draft 2022 Gambling Act Statement of Principles as follows:</p> <p>To amend any references to a requirement to 'promote' the licensing objectives to be re-drafted. The requirement within Gambling Act 2005 is that premises operate in a manner that is "reasonably consistent" with the licensing objectives. The only body upon whom Gambling Act 2005 confers a duty to promote the licensing objectives is the Gambling Commission.</p>	<p>Yes, changes made: In line with the <a href="#">Gambling Commission's guidance to Licensing Authorities</a>, Part 6 details what is required in the Statement of Principles. Paragraph 6.7 under 'Fundamental Principles' state the Licensing Authorities statement of policy should begin by stating the three licensing objectives (s1 of the Act) which the policy will promote.</p>

			<p>Paragraph 3.7 – Integration with Planning – request that any recommendations around planning use be obtained prior to a premises application being submitted to be removed.</p> <p>Paragraph 5.2 – ‘Sensitive Locations’ when considering location of premises. Comments detail that gambling premises have always been situated in either residential or shopping areas where there is high footfall and where there are children. The proximity of gambling premises is not enough to present a risk to the licensing objectives.</p>	<p>In making decisions, the Licensing Authority should ‘aim to permit’ use of the premises for gambling in so far as it thinks it is ‘reasonably consistent’ with the licensing objectives. This is detailed throughout the document in particular 2,1, 2.4, 6.6, 7.1, 7.16.1, 8.3.1, 10.3 and 10.4.1.</p> <p>To ensure that applicants are aware that they must be ‘reasonably consistent’ with the licensing objectives the policy document has been updated and reworded to replace ‘promote’ with ‘be reasonably consistent with’ in the following paragraphs 2.2, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 5.2, 5.5, 7.4 and 8.2.2.</p> <p>No change made: Paragraph 3.7 makes it clear that there is a separation between planning and licensing applications and the paragraph makes it clear that there is no obligation for the applicant to have planning permission first before applying for a licence. This paragraph is placed in ‘Integrating Strategies’ so applicants are aware of possible additional considerations.</p> <p>No change made: Two of the three licensing objectives are to protect children and vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling and preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime. In considering applications, the location of the premises can be considered in regards to protecting children and the vulnerable and high crime and disorder hot spots. Each</p>
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			<p>Paragraph 5.2 'Areas nearing stress'- comments refer to there being no evidence to support that the premises operating within the four named areas present a risk to the licensing objectives and that evidence should be produced if these areas stay within the policy document.</p>	<p>applications as detailed in the policy will be treated upon its own merits.</p> <p>Yes, changes made: The pandemic has led to most premises being closed; this leads to there being no current data/evidence from relevant authorities to suggest that these areas still pose a risk to the licensing objectives. Any data around this will only be available in the forthcoming months and years since premises have only been permitted to open in line with government legislation/regulations.</p> <p>Therefore the 'areas nearing stress' section has been removed and to ensure we still take into account of any areas of concern that may arise within the city, a new paragraph at 5.5 after the Policy Area box has been included as detailed below in red:</p> <p><i>"The Licensing Authority and its partners will monitor and work with businesses and communities in any areas of concern within the city which may lead to problems that undermine the licensing objectives, in particular crime and disorder and protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.</i></p> <p><i>If interventions are required; a multi-agency approach will be taken within these areas which could include but not limited to; specialist advice on tackling the issues, a multi-agency action plan; specific targeted training and compliance checks at licensed premises within these areas.</i></p> <p><i>If issues persist in an area, the Local Authority may undertake their own local area profiling and where it</i></p>
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				<i>is determined that granting the application may lead to the licensing objectives being undermined, and where relevant conditions cannot be imposed, they will choose to refuse it.”</i>
3	Greg Fell	<b>Director of Public Health</b>	<p>Attachment of pre-consultation document of Health Improvement Officer – Public Health Comments include changes made for the public consultation document which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion of Public Health reports and strategies at Part 3 Integrating Strategies</li> <li>• Inclusion of ‘universities’ in paragraph 4.6, 5.2 and 5.4 as a building which may be frequented by children or the vulnerable</li> <li>• Use of self - screening tools to protect children and vulnerable and information about welfare and treatment services</li> <li>• Updated information for Local Support Services</li> </ul> <p>Further attachment from Greg Fell with the following summary points around gambling related harm:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participation in gambling is common and growing. For adults and children.</li> <li>2. Gambling harm is complex, difficult to pin down exactly and can span financial and debt, relationship, addiction, mental illness and suicide. Prevalence of problem gambling may be up to 1% of the population as a whole and 6% of the population considered at risk. Preventing participation of gambling in children and problem gambling in children is obviously a critical target.</li> <li>3. People don’t just become “problem gamblers”, there is often a long journey with many opportunities to intervene.</li> <li>4. Framing gambling as a “harmless leisure pursuit” (the preferred model of DCMS and industry) is</li> </ol>	<p>Yes, including in the consultation document</p> <p>Yes, changes made: The Licensing Authority recognises and supports the importance of reducing gambling related harm in the City and in particular to children and those who are vulnerable and have ensured the policy is linked to core strategies to assist with this in Part 3 – Integrating Strategies and throughout the document to promote the licensing objectives. Risk assessment are now a requirement for operators (Part 5 of policy) which require applicants to review risks in areas and provide information on how they intend to mitigate these risks and be consistent with the licensing objectives. The policy encourages operators the importance of social responsibility, best practice, identifying and communicating with vulnerable persons, staff training, primary</p>

		<p>problematic. Many frame it as “a public health issue”. What that means requires careful definition.</p> <p>5. Response          Better treatment system is necessary but nowhere near sufficient. There is some work locally to define what that system should look like, there is no resource to implement it.          “education” may be helpful, but personalises what can be characterised as a structural and societal problem.          Regulation (product and environment) is where most of the gain can be found in terms of reducing gambling harm. This is obviously a space for the licencing committee.</p> <p>6. There is broad public support for regulation of gambling as a means to reduce harm. There are some who will see regulation as state over reach. The gambling industry obviously frame it a different way (taken from the tobacco and alcohol playbook).</p> <p>7. There is a programme of work in Yorkshire on gambling related harm</p> <p>8. There is a window of opportunity to reduce gambling harm both locally and nationally and to get ahead of the curve.</p> <p>9. Whether gambling harm is framed as “a public health issue” or framed in some other way is arguably immaterial. That there isn’t an explicit requirement to consider “public health” under the terms the licencing act is acknowledged, there are some potential shifts on that nationally. All local authorities have a duty to consider (and improve) well being, and the harm from gambling impacts on financial, social well being and health per se. It is difficult to make an argument that gambling isn’t harmful.</p>	<p>intervention and escalation and for staff to signpost customers to appropriate support services.</p> <p>The Gambling Commission has a <a href="#">National Strategy to reduce gambling harms</a>. The strategy identifies areas for action including an improvement in understanding and measuring harm, increased understanding of the effects of product characteristics and environment, and improvement in the methods of identifying harmful play.</p> <p>The aim of the Statement of Principles (policy) is to outline the principles we as a the Licensing Authority will apply when exercising its functions under the Act whilst promoting the licensing objectives.</p> <p>To ensure the importance of reducing gambling related harm is considered by applicants/licensees, a further paragraph has been added at the end of Part 3 Integrating Strategies in the policy document as follows:</p> <p><b>To Note:</b>          Applicants/licensees should note any possible changes that may occur following the consultation on the review of the Gambling Act 2005 (launched December 2020) and the results from the <a href="#">Gambling Commissions National Strategy to Reduce Gambling Harms</a>. In line with this, a separate Gambling Harm Reduction Strategy for Sheffield will be produced which will set out a comprehensive approach to minimising harm from gambling in the City.</p>
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			In considering the review of the statement of licencing principles and the overall policy, I would encourage consider carefully the issues I set out here and integrate them into the overall approach.	
4	Citizen Space Respondent	<b>Marcliffe Primary School</b>	<p>Questions and answers on Citizen Space:</p> <p><i>Q - Is the policy document easy to understand?</i> A – Yes</p> <p><i>Q - Does the policy document provide you with the information required to understand the purpose of the policy?</i> A - Yes</p> <p><i>Q - Does the policy document include any information that you disagree with or you think needs amending?</i> A - No</p> <p><i>Q - Does the policy document include any information that you disagree with or you think needs amending? - If you have answered yes, please explain which section/s you are referring to and what you disagree with or you think needs amending.</i> A – No</p>	No changes made.
		<b>Licensing Committee</b>	<p>Licensing Committee changes following the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021:</p> <p>To include ‘colleges’ in paragraphs 4.6 and 5.4.</p>	<p>Yes – changes made:</p> <p>Inclusion of ‘colleges’ at paragraphs 4.6 and 5.4.</p>

# **Appendix 'B'**

## **(Amendments made to the Statement of Principles)**

# Gambling Act 2005 – Policy Changes Document

‘Sheffield Safeguarding Board’ has been changed to ‘Sheffield Children Safeguarding Partnership’ throughout the document.

## Page 3

Foreword – wording changed

## Part 1 - Overview

1.6 Monitoring and Review of this statement – effective date of Statement of Principles changed in line with the review of the document

## Part 2 – General Principles

2.2 Heading amended to remove ‘promotion of’ so it only reads as ‘The Licensing Objectives’

2.6 Exchange of information – minor changes to wording to include the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the use of privacy notices.

## Part 3 – Integrating Strategies

3.1 Sheffield City Councils’ Corporate Plan 2015-2018 removed as no longer effective

3.1 Inclusion of Sheffield City Partnership – link attached to heading

3.2 Sheffield City Region – Strategic Economic Plan 2015 – 2025 removed as no longer effective

3.4 Sheffield Alcohol Strategy 2016-2020 removed as no longer effective and no updated strategy in place

3.5 now 3.3 Culture Strategy – minor changes to wording - link attached to heading

3.6 now 3.4 Sheffield City Centre Plan – updated plan details and link attached to heading

3.7 now 3.5 Accessible Sheffield - minor changes to wording

3.8 now 3.6 GamCare

3.9 now 3.7 Integration with Planning – link attached to heading

3.11 now 3.9 Renamed as Public Health Reports and Strategies. Inclusion of new local framework to reduce gambling related harm.

Additional paragraph added at the end of Part 3 titled ‘To Note’ for applicants and licence holders to consider any possible changes following the review of the Gambling Act 2005, the Gambling Commissions National Strategy to Reduce Gambling Harms and the proposed Sheffield Gambling Harm Reduction Strategy.

## Part 4 – Licensing Objectives

4.2, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6 - ‘promote’ removed and replaced by ‘be reasonably consistent with’

4.6 Policy Objective:

- Location examples updated to include colleges, universities, domestic abuse support services, residential homes for children or vulnerable people.
- Safeguarding awareness training to be included as part of management measures for adequate training and contact details provided
- Minor updates on measures that operators must address to be reasonably consistent with the objective
- Further bullet point on recommendations for operators to work in partnership with local services such as Public Health and the Safeguarding Partnerships to provide information about welfare and treatment services to customers.
- Paragraph on underage gambling and Test Purchasing placed to confirm consideration will be given on results.

## **Part 5 – Local, Area Profiling and Risk Assessments**

### 5.2 Policy – Location

- universities included as evidence now shows students are a vulnerable group.
- ‘Promote’ replaced with ‘be reasonably consistent with’.
- ‘Areas Nearing Stress’ section removed- replaced by a new section in paragraph 5.5 Policy Area.

### 5.3 Area Profiling and risk assessments

- minor changes to wording and update in links

### 5.4 Policy – Risk

- colleges and universities included as evidence now shows students are a vulnerable group

### 5.5 Policy – Area

- ‘Promote’ replaced with ‘be reasonably consistent with’.
- Two new paragraphs added to replace the ‘areas nearing stress’ section which was removed at paragraph 5.2. These new paragraphs include what the Licensing Authority will do in areas that cause concern and what could possibly happen to applications made within these areas.

## **Part 7 – Premises licences and Reviews**

### 7.8.1 Policy – AGC

- update for staff training to include age verification and safeguarding awareness training

### 7.9.1 Policy – FEC

- proximity of treatment or counselling services included in determining the suitability of the premises location
- staff training updated to include safeguarding awareness training

### 7.10 Casino’s

- Access paragraph updated to make clear under 18’s not permitted to enter including for working purposes which are paid or voluntary.

### 7.12.4 Policy – Tracks

- Safeguarding awareness training included as part of applicants measures to be reasonably consistent with the licensing objectives

## **Part 8 – Permits, Notices and Lottery Registrations**

### 8.2 Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre (UFEC) Gaming Machine Permits

- Paragraph updated to include that operators are expected to attend safeguarding awareness training and contact details

### 8.2.2 Policy - UFEC

- Safeguarding awareness training included as part of applicants measures to be reasonably consistent with the licensing objectives
- ‘Promote’ replaced with ‘be reasonably consistent with’.

### 8.4.1 – Policy – Prize Gaming - ‘Promote’ replaced with ‘be reasonably consistent with’.

## **Part 9 – Ongoing Responsibilities of Licensed Premises**

- Minor updates on wording
- ‘Promote’ replaced with ‘be reasonably consistent with’.

### 9.1 Self-exclusion scheme paragraph updated to include operators to evidence the self-exclusion processes are in order

## **Part 11 – Enforcement**

### 11.2 removal of sentence that Test Purchasing may be carried out jointly by the Gambling Commission and Licensing Authority. New section on local Test Purchasing inserted at paragraph 11.2.1 and 11.2.2

#### 11.2.1 new paragraph inserted to detail a local joint Gambling Test Purchase Strategy

11.2.2 new paragraph inserted to detail the test purchase strategy process

**Part 12 – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

12.1 Sheffield city Council's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement updated to current version and minor changes to wording

**Part 13 – Useful Information and Contacts**

- Other Useful Contacts webpages and details updated where required
- Local gambling support services updated with links to local information.
- Inclusion of National Gambling Helpline telephone number

**Appendix 2 – List of consultees updated**

# **Appendix 'C'**

## **(Updated Statement of Principles)**