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Dear Sir

Gambling Act 2005 – Gambling Policy Review

The Council must, by virtue of section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005, carry out a review of its licensing policy in respect of each three year period. The present Statement was published on 31 January 2013 and therefore must undergo a review for adoption from the 31 January 2016.

The Council are consulting a number of organisations and individuals as required by the Act prior to presenting the reviewed document to council for approval.

Your organisation has been included in this exercise as a consultee and you are invited to comment upon the existing policy and offer comments as you feel appropriate for consideration in the review.

The policy document is enclosed with changes inserted under section 7 to cover the new mandatory requirements which apply to operators who are required to develop their own premises specific risk assessment by 6 April 2016.

New paragraphs have also been inserted under section 13 which outline the Council's position in respect of the formation of a local area profile. The Council welcomes evidence to support these.

Further information regarding risk assessments and local area profiles is available at the Gambling Commissions website www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk

Comments are required by the 28 October 2015.

Yours faithfully

Emilia Matheou
Licensing Officer