

The **Public Sector Equality Duty** (Section 149 of the Equality Act) requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between different people carrying out their activities.

The Equality Duty supports good decision making – it encourages public bodies to be more efficient and effective by understanding how different people will be affected by their activities, so that their policies and services are appropriate and accessible to all and meet different people’s needs. The Council’s Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) includes an assessment of the community safety impact assessment to comply with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act and will enable the Council to better understand the potential impact of proposals and consider mitigating action.

<b>Name or Brief Description of Proposal</b>	GAMBLING ACT STATEMENT OF LICENSING PRINCIPLES
<b>Brief Service Profile (including number of customers)</b>	
<p>The functions of the licensing authority under the Gambling Act 2005 are below (numbers of licences/permits etc):-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensing premises for gambling activities (44)</li> <li>• Considering notices given for the temporary use of premises for gambling (nil)</li> <li>• Granting permits for gaming and gaming machines in clubs and miners’ welfare institutes (10)</li> <li>• Regulating gaming and gaming machines in alcohol licensed premises (98)</li> <li>• Granting permits to family entertainment centres for the use of certain lower stake gaming machines (5)</li> <li>• Granting permits for prize gaming (nil)</li> <li>• Considering occasional use notices for betting at tracks (nil)</li> <li>• Registering small societies’ lotteries (10 in the last year)</li> </ul>	

**Summary of Impact and Issues**

The policy explains how the licensing authority will deal with applications under its remit in line with the Gambling Act 2005 and what considerations applicants need to consider when making applications and carrying out risk assessments. This includes how vulnerable groups should be protected as well as included in any activity.

The emphasis is strong on the protection of the vulnerable but at the same time is not a bar to these groups joining in and enjoying safely such activities.

**Potential Positive Impacts**

Provides strong safeguards whilst not being prohibitive of businesses flourishing and allows the public from all sections of our community to participate in gambling activities in a safe environment.

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<b>Date</b>	
<b>Approved by Senior Manager</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

**Potential Impact**

<b>Impact Assessment</b>	<b>Details of Impact</b>	<b>Possible Solutions &amp; Mitigating Actions</b>
<b>Age</b>		
<b>Disability</b>		
<b>Gender Reassignment</b>		
<b>Marriage and Civil Partnership</b>		
<b>Pregnancy and Maternity</b>		
<b>Race</b>		
<b>Religion or Belief</b>		
<b>Sex</b>		
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>		
<b>Community Safety</b>		
<b>Poverty</b>		

<b>Impact Assessment</b>	<b>Details of Impact</b>	<b>Possible Solutions &amp; Mitigating Actions</b>
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>		
<b>Other Significant Impacts</b>		

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