

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**LICENSING & APPEALS COMMITTEE**

**11 March 2010**

**Report of the Central Services Director**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet**

**1 GAMBLING ACT 2005 DRAFT STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

**Summary**

**The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Council adopt a Gambling Policy Statement based upon the Kent Model following the completion of the consultation process.**

**1.1 Background**

1.1.1 At the last meeting on 14 December 2009, the Committee agreed to recommend the adoption of the draft statement of licensing policy for consultation purposes (minute 09/049 refers).

1.1.2 A full list of persons consulted is attached (Annex 1). In addition, the draft document was posted on the Council website and advertised on the public notice board. No responses were received. As a result, there is no impediment to the adoption of the policy statement.

**1.2 Legal Implications**

1.2.1 Under the Act, the Licensing Authority Statement of Policy will last for a maximum of three years and is required to be adopted by full Council on the recommendation of the licensing authority (the Licensing and Appeals Committee).

**1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

1.3.1 None.

**1.4 Risk Assessment**

1.4.1 Not applicable.

**1.5 Recommendations**

1.5.1 It is recommended that the draft statement of licensing policy be commended to Cabinet with a view to adoption by full Council on 20 April 2010.

Background papers:

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Nil

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