

**STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY 2007-2010**

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**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 provides that a licensing authority shall before each successive three year period, prepare a statement of the principles they propose to apply with respect to the exercise of their functions under the Act during that period and publish a statement. The Licensing Authority may, during a three year period, review and revise their statement of their policy with respect to the exercise of their functions during the remainder of that period.
- 1.2 In preparing a statement the Licensing Authority requires to consult with:-
- The Chief Constable
  - One or more persons who appear to represent the interests of people carrying an gambling business in the authority's area, and
  - One or more persons who appear to represent the interests of persons likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's functions under this act.
- 1.3 The present policy was published in October 2007 and is due to expire in October 2010. Accordingly Argyll and Bute Licensing Board at their meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2010 agreed to undertake a review of the policy statement.
- A)** As part of this review process, the Board agreed to initiate a consultation exercise with a number of groups and organisations and that deadline for consultation responses was 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010.
- B)** The consultation period has now ended and the only comments received have been from The Head of Planning and Regulatory Services. Organisations and groups detailed in Appendix 1 on page 25 have been consulted.
- 1.4 The Licensing Board at their meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2010 considered and approved the amendments to the policy.

- 1.5 In terms of the Gambling Act the policy requires to be approved by the full Council. If approved the Council require to agree a date on which the revised policy will come into effect which must be at least 4 weeks after it has published a notice of intention to revise the policy . The notice of intention must be published on the Council's website and in one or more of the following;- a local newspaper, a local newsletter or circular or similar document, a public notice board in the principal office of the authority, a public notice board in one or more public libraries in the authority's area.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Council approve the amendments to the policy (copy attached) as highlighted in yellow and red underlined and agree that Notice should be given of this intention on the Councils website and the public notice board at the Councils headquarters and the notice boards at each of the area offices and agree that the revised statement of gambling policy will come into effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2010

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