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Stockport Gambling Act Statement of licensing Principles 2019-2022	Relevant provision in revised Statement of licensing Principles	Comments
Introduction	Introduction	<p>The introduction in the current policy focuses on the framework of the policy and introduces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the licensing objectives, • partnership working • recent legislative changes (which are now embodied within the legislation) . <p>The introduction in the current policy included information regarding Government measures to be taken forward in respect of gaming machines, most notable was the intention to reduced maximum stakes on fixed odd betting terminals, this has now been applied and therefore this section is not replicated in the proposed policy</p> <p>The introduction in the proposed policy provides an overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • of the Licensing Authority functions ie Stockport Council • of the role of the Gambling Commission, • of the licensing objectives • of statutory requirements re publication of the policy • and introduction to the Greater Manchester approach towards preventing and reducing gambling harms and support to residents already experiencing gambling harms <p>Both polices provide an introductory section relating to the local topography and demographics of Stockport</p>
		<p>The format of the body of the policy then changes, in the current policy it is described as Part A Licensing objectives and Functions. In the proposed policy it is described as general principles although there is some commonality</p>
Part A	Para 2.9 and 3.1	

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1 licensing objectives		
2 Introduction	Incorporated within the introduction above and para 2.10 and 3.3	Content updated in terms of statistical data and incorporated within the introduction chapter of the revised Policy . Other elements of the existing introduction are replicated at para 2.10 and 3.3 of the proposed policy
3 Declaration	Not included in proposed policy	The declaration stated that the policy statement had been produced having regard to relevant legal provisions. The gambling commission guidance indicates that such a declaration can be included within policy, however it has not been replicated in the proposed policy as the Council would always seek to comply with the relevant legal provisions and it is not a policy matter
4 Responsible Authorities	Incorporated in the proposed policy at para 3.7, 3.8, 3.9 and 3.10.	
5 Interested parties	Incorporated in the proposed policy at 3.18,3.19,3.20, 3.21 3.22	
6. Exchange of Information	Incorporated in the proposed policy at 3.23 and 3.24	The wording on the proposed policy has been made more explicit and also updated to make reference to GDPR regulations / requirements
7. Enforcement	Incorporated in the proposed policy at para 3.29-3.32	In the current policy the information is provided under the title of enforcement in the proposed policy this has been expanded and is more prescriptive covering inspections and criminal offences Para 7.5 and 7.7 of the current policy have not been replicated within the revised policy , these are general statements in terms of legislative matters and are not policy matters
8 Licensing Authority functions	Incorporated within the proposed policy in the introductory section para 2.1	Para 8.2 of the current policy is not replicated in the proposed policy as this relates to legislative matters and not policy
PART B Premises Licences		
9. General Principles	Incorporated within the proposed policy within chapter 3	The proposed policy very much broadens the scope of the general principles and provides specific and transparent information in terms of expectations. The current policy includes specific replication from statutory guidance , this has been excluded from the proposed policy in that the statutory guidance can be updated at any stage and to replicate extracts from the guidance mean that

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		the licensing authority can become outdated purely due to quotes from statutory guidance, where appropriate more generic reference is made to the statutory guidance
10 Adult Gaming Centres	Incorporated in the proposed policy within chapters 5 and 6 premises specific considerations at 6.1,6.2 and 6.3	The proposed policy does not specifically replicate para 10.4 of the existing policy which details the measures Stockport Council expects applicants to consider in respect of Adult Gaming Centres. This is dealt with differently in the proposed policy. Chapter 5 of the proposed policy is a whole chapter detailing relevant factors when considering applications and reviews, issues specific to AGC are highlighted in the relevant paragraphs of chapter 6
11. (Licensed) Family Entertainment Centres	Incorporated in the proposed policy within chapters 5 and 6 premises specific considerations at 6.31 6.32,6.33	As per 10 above the proposed policy does not incorporate an equivalent to para 11.3 of the existing policy which lists the measures applicants are expected to consider in respect of FECs but is covered within the ch5 of the revised policy which deals with measures to be considered in all types of applications, issues specific to FECs are highlighted in the relevant paragraphs of chapter 6
12 Casinos	Incorporated in the proposed policy within chapters 5 and 6 premises specific considerations at 6.6	As above
13 Bingo	Incorporated in the proposed policy within chapters 5 and 6 premises specific considerations at 6.7-6.25	The issue of split bingo premises currently dealt with at paragraph 13.5 is now dealt with at para 3.40 of the proposed policy as part of the general principles ie applicable to a wide range of premises licences and not just bingo The proposed policy is much expanded in relation to bingo premises and outlines policy matters in respect of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic bingo gaming machines • Requirements to demonstrate bingo is an substantive activity and not merely a mechanism to provide gaming machines • Entertainment bingo – a fairly new type of entertainment
14 Betting Premises	Incorporated in the proposed policy within chapters 5 and 6 premises specific considerations	The proposed policy is enhanced by the provision of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • para 6.26 which is in respect of ensuring the highest standards of safety for staff (having regard to the number of crimes reported in betting premises) • para 6.27 and 6.28 dealing with controls around operating hours

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		Paragraph 14.3.2 of the existing policy regarding lack of regulatory concerns around betting machines is no longer considered valid and is not replicated in the proposed policy
15 Tracks	Chapter 3 of the proposed policy general principles replicates the information in the current policy regarding Tracks applications and plans and deals with the matters at para 3.52, 3.53, 3.54 of the proposed policy	
16 Travelling fairs		Not specifically addressed within the proposed policy as these would be considered as unlicensed FECs
17 Provisional statements	The proposed policy deals with this at para 3.42	
18 Reviews	The proposed policy deals with this at para 4.14 4.15 and chapter 5 – Relevant factors when considering applications and reviews	The current policy focusses very much on the legal process of “reviews” much of which is repetitive of legislation. The proposed policy is much more practical in terms of matters that can and will be considered with reference to a review. The proposed policy is very prescriptive as to the issues that will be considered as part of any review and include reference to the Greater Manchester Gambling Harms Reduction programme utilising localised information and research .
Part C Permits/ Temporary and Occasional Use Notices		
19 Gaming Machine Permits in Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centres	The proposed policy deals with these at Chapter 7 para 7.8-7.11 In addition the information contained in chapter 5 of the revised policy provides detailed information on the relevant factors that will be taken into account on applications and reviews	The information provided in chapter 5 of the proposed policy is generic and considered relevant to a wide range of Gambling Act permissions this provides detailed guidance to all parties as to relevant considerations

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20 Licensed premises gaming machine permits	The proposed policy deals with these permits at chapter 7 para 7.1-7.2	The information provided in chapter 5 of the proposed policy is generic and considered relevant to a wide range of Gambling Act permissions this provides detailed guidance to all parties as to relevant considerations
21 Prize Gaming Permits	The proposed policy deals with these permits at chapter 7 para 7.5-7.7	
22 Club Gaming and Club machine permits	The proposed policy deals with these permits at Chapter 7 para 7.3-7.4	
23 Temporary Use Notices	The proposed policy deals with these at Chapter 6 para 6.34-6.36	
24 Occasional use notices	The proposed policy deals with these at Chapter 6 para 6.37 -6.39	The proposed policy is more transparent as to possible attempts regarding misuse of such notices and outlines the actions the Council will take where misuse is suspected
25 Small Society Lotteries	The proposed policy deals with these at Chapter 7 para 7.12-7.14	The information contained in the proposed policy largely replicates that in the current policy with the exception that the proposed policy includes information which provides the definition of a small society lottery
Part D Licence Conditions and Codes of practice (LCCP)		
26 Risk Assessments	The proposed policy deals with risk assessments within Chapter 5 para 5.6-5.15	The proposed policy deals with risk assessment as a generic factor relevant to the consideration of applications and reviews. The information on risk assessment has been extended and is more detailed and transparent in terms of the expectations that applicants are required to consider as part of their risk assessment.
27 Local Area Profile	The proposed policy deals with this at para 5.16	This section has been enhanced in the proposed policy by the work and research being undertaken by the Greater Manchester Gambling harms Reduction Programme. Research and evidence will give rise to recommendations that applicants and licence holders will be expected to support.