



# Licensing Committee Report

<b>Meeting:</b>	<i>Licensing Committee</i>
<b>Date:</b>	<i>11 July 2012</i>
<b>Classification:</b>	<i>For General Release</i>
<b>Title:</b>	<i>Review of Statement of Gambling Policy.</i>
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<i>All</i>
<b>Financial Summary:</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Report of:</b>	<i>The Operational Directors for Premises Management and City Planning</i>

## **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The report advises the Licensing Committee of the review of the Westminster Statement of Gambling Policy. Public consultation of the review of the policy is open until 14<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Licensing Committee note and comment on the report.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 Under section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act) the council is required to publish a statement of principles (Gambling Policy) which it proposes to apply when exercising its functions under the Act. The current policy can be accessed at <http://www.westminster.gov.uk/services/business/businessandstreettradinglicences/gambling/statement/>
- 3.2 The Act requires the council to review its gambling policy every 3 years. The current policy has been effective since January 2010. This consultation in relation to the council's review of the current policy is open until 14 September 2012.

3.3 Details of the review proposals are contained in the consultation paper attached to this report at Appendix A.

#### **4. Financial and Legal Implications**

4.1 None arising.

#### **Appendices**

Appendix A	Consultation paper on Westminster Statement of Gambling Policy
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**If you have any queries about this report or wish to inspect any of the Background Papers please contact: Chris Wroe, Licensing Policy and Strategy Manager on 020 7641 5903 or email [cwroe@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:cwroe@westminster.gov.uk).**

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Gambling Act 2005