
Re: Gambling Act 2005: ADC Policy Review Consultation 2021 – Request for Views/Comments

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3 October 2021 at 18:19

To: Simon Jones <simon.jones@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

Dear Simon,

Thank you for forwarding this updated policy review draft.

Personally I am completely opposed to any form of Gambling and I find it deeply reprehensible that, as a local authority, we have to facilitate this harmful industry. I have experience of problem gambling in a family member and I know how destructive it can be.

However, I take on board your comments that it is on-line where most of the damage is now being done. Therefore, I accept this policy is a reasonable update of an unsavoury area of our work in Adur.

Kind regards

On Fri, 1 Oct 2021 at 13:00, 'Simon Jones' via All Adur Councillors <adurcouncillors@adur.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Councillors

The Gambling Act 2005 regulates how gambling industry operates. The Gambling Commission is responsible for the majority of the administration and enforcement of the act and is responsible for the issuing of operating and personal licences. However, a number of responsibilities have been placed on Local Licensing Authorities specifically around premises licences, gaming permits and local lotteries.

Adur District Council is obliged, under the terms of the Gambling Act 2005, to publish its policy with respect to the exercise of its gambling licensing functions and re-examine its policy at least every three years. The council's current policy now requires reviewing. As part of the review the Council has commenced public authority & stakeholder consultation on a draft 'Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy'.

A draft copy of the policy can be found below. All proposed changes from the current policy are highlighted in orange. The policy contains the minimum of amendments and no changes to the intent or direction of the policy are included. Because it contains such minor amendments, consultation of the authorities and public has been limited to a period of four weeks between 1 October and 29 October 2021.

When considering any response I would especially like to draw your attention to the fact that, whilst online gambling is expanding, activity in traditional gambling premises has at best been static and in both Adur and Worthing complaints regarding gambling premises have been extremely rare and representation regarding (increasingly rare) gambling premise licence applications non-existent.

I would appreciate any comments and suggestions you have regarding the draft policy, in writing before 29 October 2021 so that they can be considered, noted and if necessary amendments made to the draft policy before it is formally presented to you at a Licensing Committee hearing later this year.

Regards

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