

Date: 29 September 2021

Dear Stakeholder,

Consultation on the London Borough of Croydon's Revised Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005

In November 2006, the Council published its first Statement of Principles ("Statement") as per the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005 ("the Act"). The Statement is a policy document and sets out how the Council will exercise its functions under the Act.

The Council is required, by law, to review and publish its revised Statement every 3 years and part of the review process is to consult stakeholders on the proposed changes and the revised Statement prior to its consideration by the Licensing Committee and prior to any recommendation to Full Council for adoption. Once adopted, the new Statement of Principles will be published and implemented. The Statement was previously reviewed in 2009, 2012, 2015 and 2018 and we are now consulting as part of the fifth 3 year review.

The Statement has not been altered substantially from the 2018 version but it is proposed that it be updated to:

- Update to population numbers as reflected in the introduction to the Statement
- Reflect an update in the statutory guidance produced by the Gambling Commission (GC) in terms of gaming machines and the GC definition/comments on "available for use" which stems from their earlier (2019) available for use guidance.
- Include references to tablets (a small portable computer that accepts input directly on to its screen rather than via a keyboard or mouse).
- Include reference to the National Strategy to Reduce Gambling Harms, published on 24 April 2019 and last updated on 8 December 2020
- To clarify references to the Councils Members' Code of Conduct
- Reflect changes to policies, publications and relevant information, including updates to the policy to mirror certain changes in guidance issued by the Gambling Commission, which was last updated on 13 May 2021.

The Council believes these amendments are necessary to reflect the amended statutory guidance and to make readers aware of guidance and research produced by other key organisations.

I invite you to read the attached revised Statement of Principles and if you wish to make any comments on the proposed revisions or any other aspect(s) of the Statement, please send them, in writing and to be received by no later than **5pm** on **Wednesday 10 November 2021** to:

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Alternatively, you may send your comments by e mail to licensing@croydon.gov.uk to be received by the same date and time as above.

All comments will be considered and where appropriate, will be incorporated into the final version of the Statement.

In an effort to reduce printing, this statement is being circulated, where possible, electronically. If you have received this correspondence electronically but would prefer a hard copy, please contact the Council's Licensing Team on 020 8760 5466 or licensing@croydon.gov.uk .

Yours faithfully



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