

Equality Impact Assessment

Service Area: Licensing/Environmental Health and Housing

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Name of policy/function/project/service area to be assessed: Review of Gambling Act Statement of Licensing Principles and Consideration of the adoption of a No Casino Resolution

Brief description of proposal to be assessed: The proposal is in respect to the implementation of a revised Gambling Act Statement of Principles and the consideration of adoption of a No Casino Resolution. Any No Casino Resolution will need to be considered and adopted by Full Council.

Proposed implementation date of project/proposal: December publication and 3 January 2025 policy to be brought into effect

Brief description of the anticipated outcomes of the proposal:

Provision	Current Arrangement	Proposed Arrangement	Comment
To review the Council's Gambling Act Statement of Licensing Principles	Current Statement of Licensing Principles 2022	Amended Statement of Licensing Principles 2025	Gambling Act 2005 requires a three year review of this document. Areas are recommended for addition in order to improve the document and to ensure it keeps abreast of the latest guidance to Licensing Authorities.
To consider whether the adopt a No Casino Resolution	No resolution in place	Bring into effect a No Casino Resolution	Recommendation by Licensing and Community Safety Committee to be considered by Strategy and Resources before onward recommendation to Full Council

Impact:

Summarise any positive impacts or benefits, any negative impacts (i.e. potential for discrimination, disadvantage or disproportionate treatment) and any neutral impacts and the evidence you have taken into account to reach this conclusion. Be aware that there may be positive, negative and neutral impacts within each characteristic. (NOTE: please refer to the Equality Strategy for the characteristics) Where an impact is unknown, state so, and identify what steps will be taken to address any gaps in data:

Neutral impact. The proposal does not have any particular impact either negatively or positively in terms of those areas outlined.

Consideration of Alternatives:

Describe what alternatives have been considered and/or what actions will be taken to remove or minimise any potential negative effect identified above (attach evidence or provide link to appropriate data, reports, etc):

Statement of Principles - this is a legislative requirement and therefore there are no other options or alternatives which are appropriate other than to review the

document in a timely manner. No Casino Resolution – there is the ability not to bring into effect a resolution and there is an area which has been considered by the Council's Licensing and Community Safety Committee and this will in turn be considered by Strategy and Resources.

Consultation:

Brief description of any consultation with stakeholders and summarise how it has influenced the proposal. Please attach evidence or provide link to appropriate data or reports:

Consultation has been undertaken with the public for an eight week period between 7 May 2024 and 2 July 2024, alongside consulting licence and permit holders. Letters were sent to those holding Premises Licences by way of example.

Funding Considerations:

There are no financial or human resource implications to the Council associated with this report, other than those which have arisen through the required consultation and reporting process

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Reporting and Publication:

Equality Impact Assessments will be published on North Devon Council's website.

The completion of an Equality Impact Assessment is an ongoing process. Impacts will be continually reviewed during projects and the decision making process and the Assessment will be updated accordingly and published.

A further assessment will also be undertaken between 6 to 12 months following the implementation of the policy, project, decision or service change has been implemented.

Please also confirm the date on which you will be re-considering the project/report and submitting a further EIA if applicable.

Consideration will be made by way of consideration of comments received from members of the public or licence holders. Due to the fact that there is an ongoing requirement legislatively to review the Gambling Act Statement of Licensing Principles a further review of the whole document will take place within the statutory period of three years outlined as being required for the review.

Monitoring Arrangements:

Briefly describe the monitoring arrangements/systems that will be put in place to monitor the effects of this proposal.

Monitoring of applications for premises licences, notice etc., is routinely undertaken and the Council's Feedback team bring into effect a process by way of which public comments and complaints can be adequately considered.

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