

Derbyshire Dales District Council Equality Impact Assessment



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1. Outline

Information required	Detail
a. Title of policy, practice, service or function being assessed	Review of Statement of Principles Gambling Act 2005 – 2025 -2028
b. Links to Service and/or Corporate Plan Ref/s	
c. Name and Role of Officers conducting assessment	Grace Dowson, Licensing Manager
d. Date of assessment	08.08.2024
e. Reason for assessment	Consultation required to review the existing Statement of Principles - Gambling Act Policy last reviewed in 2022. The Gambling Act 2005 requires all licensing authorities to prepare and publish a statement of licensing principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under the Act. This Statement is to be reviewed three yearly.
f. What is the purpose of this policy, practice, service, or function? (Specify aims and objectives)	S349 of the Gambling Act 2005 requires Licensing Authorities to prepare and publish a statement of Licensing principles, reviewed three yearly, that they intend to apply in exercising their functions under the Act. The Statement forms the licensing authorities mandate for managing local gambling provision and sets out what the licensing authority will take into consideration in issuing relevant Licences and therefore its expectation in relation to premises within their area.
g. Are there any other organisations involved in its implementation?	There are Responsible Authorities that we consult with in respect of each gambling premises licence application, e.g. Gambling Commission, Police, Fire, Planning, Environmental Health, HSE and local Safeguarding Board.

Information required	Detail
h. Likely customer groups to be impacted	Members of the public, customers of cafes, neighbouring businesses, and residents.
i. Other stakeholders likely to be impacted.	
Which District Council departments are affected by the policy, practice, service, or function?	
Do any of the objectives directly support or hinder another Council activity?	Not that I am aware of.

2. Assessing Relevance to the General Equality Duty

The General Equality Duty has three aims which require the District Council to have due regard to the need to:	Tick those which are relevant ✓
1. Eliminate unlawful discrimination (both direct or indirect), harassment and victimisation.	✓
2. Advance equality of opportunity between all persons by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by protected groups. • taking steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups where these are different from the needs of other people • encouraging people from protected groups to participate in public life or other activities where participation is disproportionately low 	✓
3. Foster good relations between different groups	✓

3. What existing information / data do you have / monitor about different diverse groups in relation to this policy, practice, service, or function?

For example: previous EIA's, reports, consultation, surveys, demographic data etc.

Information / Data	Data source and date	Information relevant to proposed policy/service/function
<p>Office National Statistics 2021 Census https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/datasets/populationandhouseholdestimatesenglandandwalescensus2021</p>	<p>Office National Statistics population datasets – age, sex, households etc.</p>	<p>e.g., Derbyshire Dales population has increased by 0.5% from 71,116 to 71,500</p> <p>27.8% of the population in the Derbyshire Dales are over 65</p> <p>The number of households has increased by 5.1%, from 30,744 to 32,300</p>

<p>Derbyshire Observatory https://observatory.derbyshire.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/reports/documents/census/2021_census/Census2021_FirstReleaseDerbyshire.html#derbyshire- dales</p> <p>Infographic of data</p> <p>https://observatory.derbyshire.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/reports/documents/census/2021_census/2021%20Census%20Infographic%20v5_DDales%20V1.0.png</p> <p>https://observatory.derbyshire.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/reports/profiles/quilt/quilt_rank.pdf</p>	<p>Population figures by age, number of households, sex - Derbyshire Observatory; taken from Census 2011 - national survey of all households</p>	<p>The Derbyshire Dales has less people aged under 35 than the average for England, in all 5-year age bands</p>
<p>Population figures – estimated for 2020 by the ONS https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/datasets/populationestimatesforukenglandandwalescotlandandnorthernireland</p>	<p>Office of National Statistics</p>	<p>e.g., The UK median age is 40.4, in the Derbyshire Dales it is 51.5</p>

4. Consultation and engagement

4a. if no consultation has taken place OR is unnecessary, please explain why.

n/a

4b. Add the results of any completed consultation and how it has/will inform the development of the policy/service.

Who <u>did</u> you consult with?	How and when	Outcomes/Results	Implications and amendments because of consultation
<p>Derbyshire Dales will consult with those listed in Appendix 4 of the draft policy -Association of British Bookmakers, British Amusement Catering Association, British Casino Association, Bingo Association , British Greyhound Racing Board , Chief Officer of Police, Club & Institute Union, Gam care, Gamblers Anonymous, Help The Aged ,Existing Holders of, permits and registrations, who will be affected by the provisions of the Act,. Lotteries Council, Responsible Authorities - HM Revenue and Customs, Gambling Commission, Police, The Fire Authority, Planning</p>	<p>For Four weeks from after Licensing Committee approval of draft</p>	<p>Not consulted yet</p>	<p>None known yet</p>

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Department, Environment Health Department (Environmental protection), Occupational Health and Welfare Department. Responsibility in Gambling Trust, Derbyshire County Council – Trading Standards, Education and Public Health East Midlands Chamber of trade and Commerce (Derby Office), Federation of Small Business			

4c. Add consultation plans and results here

Think about who the stakeholders are? How will you gather their views? By when?

Remember to complete a Consultation Proposal form to access support and refer to the guides – everything you need is here

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The Statement of Principles is to be considered by the Licensing Committee on the **24th September 2024** and the consultation will take place after this date for 4 weeks. The Act requires licensing to consult with the police for the authority’s area, one or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the authority’s area and one or more persons who appear to the authority

to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the authorities functions under the Act.

5. Based on the evidence above, does the policy, practice, service or function have a positive or negative impact on any protected group(s)?

Protected groups	Positive effects	Negative effects	Potential Improvement Actions
Age	<p>Positive impact - there are limitations on the age when a person can gamble, and the policy has elements for the protection of children and young persons. Rules and regulations are clearly communicated to all licensees through the policy and advice is readily available to the public and the licensees.</p> <p>New premises are required to do a risk assessment as to the local area and this would reflect policies, they would put in place to protect school children if they wished to open near a school. New premises to open also require planning permission.</p>		
<p>Disability or long-term ill heath Physical disabilities, sensory impairments, limiting long-term illnesses, learning disabilities or mental health issues</p>	<p>People identified as having some mental health issues were twice as likely to participate in harmful gambling than people with no mental health issues Landmark report reveals harms associated with gambling estimated to cost society at</p>		

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	<p>least £1.27 billion a year - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)Responsible and transparent licensing policies, both for the premises licensed by the local authority and the operator, licensed by the Gambling Commissions, contribute to ensuring that venues and staff of those venues are aware of vulnerable groups watchable for excessive gambling.</p> <p>Applicants will be expected to propose steps to ensure that the physical layout of the premises does not present any risks to ‘vulnerable’ people, some of whom may be disabled.</p> <p>During inspections, officers will refer any relevant details to planning if it is suspected there may be accessibility issues or a lack of planning permission.</p>		
Race / ethnic groups	None	None	None
Women or men	<p>A national gambling review found that men were 4.2 times more likely than women to be gambling at levels of elevated risk of harm.</p> <p>Responsible and transparent licensing policies, both for the</p>	None	None

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	premises licensed by the local authority and the operator, licensed by the Gambling Commissions, contribute to ensuring that venues and staff of those venues are aware of men as a vulnerable group watchable for excessive gambling.		
Sexual orientation	None	None	None
Religion or belief (including non-belief)	None	None	None
Transgender (including people planning to or going through gender reassignment)	None	None	None
Pregnancy and maternity (including maternity and paternity leave)	May give parents with prams and buggies more space	None	None
Marital status (including civil partnership & same sex marriage)	None	None	None

5a. Are there any local priority groups / factors which should be considered?

Other factors	Positive effects	Negative effects	Improvement actions
Rural areas			
Poverty / deprivation	<p>A national gambling review found that people at risk of gambling harms are concentrated in areas of higher deprivation.</p> <p>Responsible and transparent licensing policies, both for the premises licensed by the local authority and the operator, licensed by the Gambling Commissions, contribute to ensuring that venues and staff of those venues are aware of people in poverty as a vulnerable group watchable for excessive gambling.</p>		

6. Commissioned / outsourced services

Is your policy, practice, service or function partly or wholly provided by any external organisation / agency?	Yes / No
If yes, please list any contractual or other arrangements which aim to ensure that the provider promotes equality and diversity (e.g., <i>monitoring data</i>)	

7. Summary

The proposed Statement of Principles, to be issued under the Gambling Act 2005, will outline how Derbyshire Dales District Council will implement the relevant provisions for the Licensing of premises within the District. This is in line with national Guidance issued by the Gambling Commission, which is designed to protect vulnerable groups from harm. With relevant enforcement and monitoring this will assist in the protection of harm and will be in line with the Council's Equality & Diversity Policy

The Statement of Principles is used as the basis for the licensing of premises within the local area covered by Derbyshire Dales District Council and compliance visits will be carried out where complaints are received, along with annual compliance visits. These visits will assist the Licensing section to gain information and potentially review Statement as and when required.

Members of the Council are provided with quarterly updates report on the work undertaken by departments of the Council, including that of Licensing. This will include the number of Premises Licences approved, complaints received and the risk-based enforcement inspections undertaken at Gambling Premises, which are the responsibility of the Council.

8. Improvement Plan

Key issues identified	Actions

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Signed _____ (Completing Officer)