

## **GAMBLING ACT 2005: CONSULTATION OF REVISED STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Kirklees Council's current statement of gambling policy was adopted by Full Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015, and came into effect on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

Each licensing authority must prepare and publish a statement of gambling policy every three years. During each three year period, a licensing authority must keep its policy under review and make revisions as appropriate.

I write to inform you that Kirklees Council is now consulting on a revised statement of gambling policy. The consultation commences on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and will close on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

The consultation has been designed to provide a wide selection of the Kirklees population with the opportunity to comment on the revised content detailed in the draft policy. The responsible authorities as well as organisations concerned with the social impact of gambling, faith groups, national bodies representing the gambling trade, plus representatives of local businesses are also being consulted.

The Council's revised statement of gambling policy can be found on the licensing webpages at, <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/involve/entry.aspx?id=944> or [www.kirklees.gov.uk/licensing](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/licensing)

### **How to Respond**

Anyone can respond to this consultation; if you would like to respond, please email your response to **[licensing@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@kirklees.gov.uk)**

If you prefer, you may submit your response in writing to **Licensing Service, Flint Street, Fartown, Huddersfield, HD1 6LG**. The last date for comments is **26<sup>th</sup> October 2018**.

### **Disclosure**

Normal practice will be for responses to this consultation to be anonymised by removing the name and address. We would not normally redact information disclosed in the body of the consultation unless it obviously identifies the sender. Please identify any information that you or any other person involved do not wish to be disclosed.

Conversely if you or your organisation would like to be identified please include a statement in your response that states that your identity can be disclosed in the follow up reports to this consultation.

### **Confidentiality and Freedom of Information**

It is possible that requests for information contained in consultation responses may be made in accordance with access to information regimes. If you do not want your response to be disclosed in response to such requests for information, you should identify the information you wish to be withheld and explain why confidentiality is necessary. Your request will be acceded to if it is appropriate in all the circumstances.