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Dear Phil,

Thank you for consulting us on your draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005. Due to resource constraints on a small charity, we are not able to offer specific feedback on your policy. However, you may find GambleAware's recently published [interactive maps](#) useful, which have been designed for use by local authorities. The maps show the prevalence of problem gambling severity in each local authority and ward area as well as usage of, and reported demand for, treatment and support for gambling harms.

GambleAware also strongly commends two publications by the Local Government Association which set out the range of options available to local authorities to deal with gambling-related harms using existing powers:

- <https://www.local.gov.uk/tackling-gambling-related-harm-whole-council-approach>
- <https://www.local.gov.uk/gambling-regulation-councillor-handbook-england-and-wales>

GambleAware is also fully supportive of local authorities which conduct an analysis to identify areas with increased levels of risk for any reason. In particular we support those who also include additional licence requirements to mitigate the increased level of risk. Areas where there are higher than average resident or visiting populations from groups we know to be vulnerable to gambling harms include children, the unemployed, the homeless, certain ethnic-minorities, lower socio-economic groups, those attending mental health (including gambling disorders) or substance addiction treatment services.

Finally, GambleAware is a leading commissioner of prevention and treatment services for gambling harms. It provides these functions across England, Scotland and Wales and its work is underpinned by high quality research, data and evaluation. We encourage all local authorities to signpost people to the **National Gambling Helpline on 0808 8020 133** and also www.begambleaware.org. Both are part of the **National Gambling Treatment Service** and offer free, confidential advice and support for those who may need it.

Best regards,

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From: McGuinness, Ian <Ian.McGuinness@southampton.gov.uk> **On Behalf Of** Licensing

Sent: 15 June 2021 08:58

Subject: Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles - Consultation

Dear Sir or Madam,

As you may be aware, Eastleigh Borough Council, along with all other licensing authorities, is

required to prepare, adopt and publish a "Statement of Licensing Principles" (SLP) setting out the Council's approach to applications under the Act and the information it expects applicants to provide and to review it every three years.

The SLP guides the administration of licensing under the Gambling Act 2005 and will assist in ensuring that an appropriate balance is drawn between the interests of those wishing to provide and take part in legal gambling, and those who might be adversely affected by such activities. The Council continues to work with the Police, licence holders, and other agencies to achieve this objective.

The SLP is one of a number of strategies which form part of a coordinated approach to dealing with the community safety, crime and disorder, and wellbeing issues which may arise.

The Council is working with other partner agencies to ensure that these strategies are properly integrated.

A revised SLP is now being consulted upon as of 14th June 2021. The consultation will run for a period of 12 weeks ending on 6th September 2021. Subject to the consultation and any changes made to it by the Council the SLP will be the adopted Council policy from 31st January 2022 to 31st January 2025 inclusive.

The draft Statement of Principles and a copy of the public notice of the publication of the draft statement of principles are available at <https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/business/doing-business-in-eastleigh/licensing-permits-and-registration/gambling/gambling-act-2005-consultation> . The revised document is in accordance with guidance issued by the Gambling Commission, details of which are available on their website, www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk .

If you or your organisation has any comments on the revised Statement of Principles, please send them in writing to the Licensing Team:

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It would be of assistance if any such communication were clearly marked "Eastleigh Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Licensing Principles". Please note that all comments are required to be published and the closing date of the consultation is 6th September 2021. It is anticipated the SLP report will be presented at the full Council meeting on 11th November 2021.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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