

- 1) Regulations published in January 2006 specify some mandatory elements to the statement of principles:
 - a) Policy statements must be published by 31 January 2007, and must be made available at least four weeks before it comes into effect;
 - b) It must be published on the Council's website and be available in a local library;
 - c) It must contain an introductory section summarising the matters to be dealt with in the statement;
 - d) It must contain a geographical description of the Council area;
 - e) it must contain a list of consultees (see below);
 - f) The principles to be applied in exercising its' powers under section 157(h) to designate in writing a competent body to advise it about the protection of children from harm;
 - g) The principles to be applied to determine whether a person is an interested party in relation to a premises licence;
 - h) The principles to be applied in respect of the exchange of information between the licensing authority and the Gambling Commission, and the licensing authority and other persons listed in schedule 6 to the Act;
 - i) The principles to be applied by the licensing authority in respect to the inspection of premises and the institution of criminal proceedings for offences.

The statement of principles is not intended to be a detailed and exhaustive document in the same vein as the Licensing Act 2003 statement of licensing policy. Consequently reference is made where appropriate to other sources of information, such as the Council's licensing enforcement policy, rather than including this within the document itself.