

**Brief Equality Impact Assessment    APPENDIX B**  
**For a minor operational change / review / simple analysis**

What is being assessed?	<b>Revised Gambling Statement of Principles</b>	What are the key aims of it?	To provide information and guidance on the general approach that the Council will take to licensing. The Statement does not prevent anyone from making an application, and each application will be considered on its individual merits.			
Who may be affected by it?	All residents and businesses within Stevenage, and gambling premises in particular.					
Date of full EqlA on service area (planned or completed)	15/11/10					
Form completed by:	Maurice Clay	Start date	06/01/22	End date	06/01/22	
		Review date	December 2024			

What data / information are you using to inform your assessment?	Information provided by the Gambling Commission, feedback from the local consultation on the revised Statement and data collected in the Local Area Profile	Have any information gaps been identified along the way? If so, please specify	Local (district-level) data is not available at present but UTLA level data has been collated in the course of compiling a Local Area Profile
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Explain the <b>potential positive, negative or unequal impact</b> on the following characteristics and <b>how likely</b> this is:			
Age	Positive - The Gambling Act has as an objective to protect children and vulnerable groups from being harmed. This could, if taken to extremes, lead to the	Race	No differential impact

	<p>exclusion of certain groups from gambling activities of any kind without good reasons.</p> <p>By considering each application on its merits, and taking into account the views of all concerned including those of the listed Responsible Authorities, we seek to minimise such restrictions through the use of appropriate conditions where possible and only in extreme cases by exclusion or refusal of applications.</p>		
Disability	No differential impact	Religion or belief	No differential impact
Gender reassignment	No differential impact	Sex	No differential impact
Marriage or civil partnership	No differential impact	Sexual orientation	No differential impact
Pregnancy & maternity	No differential impact	Socio-economic <sup>1</sup>	The statement is intended to aid with local decision making in conjunction with the Gambling Act 2005 and the Gambling Commission's guidance to licensing authorities.
Other	The Statement supports a culture of openness where appropriate information can		

<sup>1</sup>Although non-statutory, the council has chosen to implement the Socio-Economic Duty and so decision-makers should use their discretion to consider the impact on people with a socio-economic disadvantage.

	<p>be accessed by all parties. Licensing Committee hearings, when required, will generally be held in public and any enforcement will be in line with the principles promoted within the Regulators' Code. Partnership working and exchange of information (within legal constraints) is also supported with a view to promoting better understanding between those providing gambling opportunities and those potentially affected by them. The Council will seek to mediate between applicants and objectors and reach negotiated settlements wherever possible.</p>	
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Where there is a likely <b>positive impact</b> , please explain how it will help to <b>fulfil our legislative duties</b> to:					
Remove discrimination & harassment	N/A	Promote equal opportunities	N/A	Encourage good relations	Promotion of better understanding between those providing gambling opportunities and those potentially affected by them.

**What further work / activity is needed as a result of this assessment?**

Action	Responsible officer	How will this be delivered and monitored?	Deadline
None			



**Approved by Assistant Director/ Strategic Director:**  
**Date: 06/01/22**

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