

Questionnaire on Statement of Licensing Principles (Gambling Policy) 2013

Introduction

The City of London Corporation is required to review its statement of licensing principles (gambling policy) every three years. This review is now due. With the exception of minor administrative amendments to reflect current Government guidance, there are no further revisions in the proposed policy at this stage.

This questionnaire provides you with an opportunity to give us your views on the City of London Corporation's draft Statement of Licensing Principles (Gambling Policy) 2013 before it is published.

Completing this questionnaire

Please read the draft statement of licensing principles before you complete this questionnaire. If you require additional space for your comments, please use extra paper and submit it with the questionnaire. You must ensure that all comments are received by the City of London Corporation by 19 December 2012.

It should be noted that the Gambling Act 2005 statutory guidance prevents licensing authorities from considering irrelevant matters such as demand for gambling premises, moral considerations and whether premises have planning permission.

Gambling policy Part A: General

Q1: How useful did you find Part A of the policy, which sets out the legislative framework of the gambling licensing system and the functions of the licensing authority? Is there anything missing or something that needs to be explained better?

It is critical that the Corporation of London reflects the affect on workers in the City, particularly those in the Financial Services Industry, from the start of the Recession.

Extensive redundancies have caused poverty bringing stress and depression to those most vulnerable and their families.

Such people require support and protection.

Licensing Objectives

The licensing objectives under the Gambling Act 2005 are set out in paragraph 1 of Part A of the policy. In carrying out responsibilities under the Act, the City of London Corporation must have regard to and uphold these licensing objectives.

Q2: Is there anything further that the City of London Corporation can do to uphold the licensing objectives?

Consideration to be given as to how people in the City can understand that gambling and games of chance, in desperate measures to reduce financial hardship, will increase, ultimately, their dependence.

Gambling policy Part B: Premises licences

Q3: How useful did you find Part B of the policy, which sets out the general principles for making decisions about premises licences? Is there anything missing or something that needs to be explained better?

The City of London to produce literature, notices and posters to be displayed in licensed premises, offering advice to potential gamblers on sources of assistance

Gambling policy Part C: Permits, Temporary and Occasional Use Notice

Q4: How useful did you find Part C of the policy, which provides an overview of the types of permits available to premises. Is there anything missing or something that needs to be explained better?

Quarterly reviews of licensed gambling premises to ensure all precautions to prevent financial hardship are in place. The premises to be "utilitarian", without any form of entertainment ^{or} and licence to serve alcohol / catering.

General feedback

Q5: Do you have any other general comments on the policy?

- 1) To ensure all premises providing gambling are licensed as being appropriate.
- 2) The above with the knowledge that suicides in the City of London are given prominent media cover, particularly those from No. 1, Poultry.
- 3) Gambling is not good publicity for the City, having caused bank failures.