

EQUALITY ANALYSIS QUALITY ASSURANCE CHECKLIST

Name of 'proposal' and how has it been implemented (proposal can be a policy, service, function, strategy, project, procedure, restructure/savings proposal)	Gambling Policy Review
Directorate / Service	CLC, Safer Communities, Consumer and Business Regulations
Lead Officer	David Tolley
Signed Off By	

Stage	Checklist Area / Question	Yes / No / Unsure	Comment (If the answer is no/unsure, please ask the question to the SPP Service Manager or nominated equality lead to clarify)
1	Overview of Proposal		
a	Are the outcomes of the proposals clear?	Yes	<p>This report presents a draft gambling policy, replacing the existing gambling policy. Under the Gambling Act 2005, all local authorities in England and Wales are required to adopt a gambling policy following consultation and the policy has to be reviewed every three years. A consultation was undertaken between 18 October and 29 November 2012 and no changes from the existing policy published on 9 December 2009 have been made for the draft.</p> <p>The policy covers the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the Licensing Authority will use its regulatory powers in relation to applications and reviews of the activities it regulates, to the extent it is allowed by statute.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main licensing objective for the authority is protecting the vulnerable. • The Licensing Authority approach to regulation • The scheme of delegation. <p>Major concerns about gambling, including gambling addiction and arguments of a more liberal gambling regime, are not addressed in the policy. The impact of licensed premises on nearby residents, such as noise, is also out of scope.</p>
b	<p>Is it clear who will be or is likely to be affected by what is being proposed (inc service users and staff)? Is there information about the equality profile of those affected?</p>	Yes	<p>This policy sets out how the licensing authority will discharge its licensing functions under the Act, including how to be responsible for the licensing of premises where gambling activities are taking place by issuing Premises Licences. Businesses who apply for a licence and those who have received licences will be affected by the policy. 80 licences have been issued primarily to betting shops and adult amusement arcades and those businesses are nearly all national companies.</p> <p>The policy stipulates that those who live and have businesses in close proximity can make representations about license applications, or apply for a review of an existing licence.</p> <p>The licencing objectives include protecting children and the vulnerable, including ‘people may not be able to make informed or balanced decisions about gambling due to a mental impairment, alcohol or drugs.’</p>
c	<p>Is there a narrative in the proposal where NO impact has been identified? Please note – if a Full EA is not to be undertaken based on the screen or the fact that a proposal has not been ‘significantly’ amended, a narrative needs to be included in the proposal to explain the reasons why and to evidence due regard</p>	Yes	<p>The policy acknowledges a possibility of the impact on children and the vulnerable and proposes ways of mitigation. One of the licencing objectives is to protect children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling, i.e. preventing them from taking part in gambling. The policy states that appropriate measures to protect them include supervisions of entrances/machines and segregation of areas. The Gambling Best Practice Guide for business</p>

			<p>was introduced in order to strengthen policy specific to the protection of vulnerable groups.</p> <p>This report presents a draft gambling policy, replacing the existing gambling policy. As the current policy continues to address all relevant priorities within the statutory scope of the exercise and it has been operating effectively, no further changes are proposed to the current policy with the exception to the introduction of the Best Practice Guide and widening consutees.</p>
2	Monitoring / Collecting Evidence / Data and Consultation		
a	Is there reliable qualitative and quantitative data to support claims made about impacts?	Yes	<p>The ward level equalities data are available.</p> <p>The Development and Renewal (D&R) directorate have corporate lead responsibility for Business related data capture and are currently reviewing the technical challenges to developing an equalities strand of their business data base.</p>
	Is there sufficient evidence of local/regional/national research that can inform the analysis?	Yes	The Council's consumer and business regulations team have led the work.
b	Has a reasonable attempt been made to ensure relevant knowledge and expertise (people, teams and partners) have been involved in the analysis?	Yes	The Council's consumer and business regulations team have led the work.
c	Is there clear evidence of consultation with stakeholders and users from groups affected by the proposal?	Yes	Consultation of a draft proposal was held between 18 October and 30 November 2012.
3	Assessing Impact and Analysis		
a	Are there clear links between the sources of evidence (information, data etc) and the interpretation of impact amongst the nine protected characteristics?	Yes	<p>There are reliable data regarding the profile of residents in the Borough.</p> <p>The objectives of the policy include protecting children and the vulnerable from being harmed or exploited by gambling.</p>
	Is there a clear understanding of the way in which proposals applied in the same way can have unequal	Yes	The policy specifies ways of the protection of children and the vulnerable, including supervision of entrances/machines and

	impact on different groups?		segregation of areas and the service introduced the Gambling Policy Best Practice Guide for businesses to strengthen policy specific to the protection of vulnerable groups.
b	Has the assessment sufficiently considered the three aims of the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and OTH objectives?	Yes	The licensing objectives include preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder and to protect children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling. Through the implementation, this policy will help prevent further inequalities among children and young people.
4	Mitigation and Improvement Action Plan		
a	Is there an agreed action plan?	NA	
b	Are all actions SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time Bounded)	NA	
c	Are the outcomes clear?	Yes	This plan's objectives are: 1) preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime; 2) ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way, and; 3) protecting children and other vulnerable people from being harmed and exploited by gambling.
d	Have alternative options been explored	NA	
6	Quality Assurance and Monitoring		
a	Are there arrangements in place to review or audit the implementation of the proposal?	Yes	The licensing authority has power to decide whether a review of a premises license is to be carried out.
b	Is it clear how the progress will be monitored to track impact across the protected characteristics??	NA	
7	Reporting Outcomes and Action Plan		
a	Does the executive summary contain sufficient information on the key findings arising from the assessment?	NA	
8	Sign Off and Publication		
a	Has the Lead Officer signed off the EA? Please note – completed and signed off EA and	Yes	

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Any other comments			
Signature		Date	

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