

Statement of Gambling Policy: Well-being Impact Assessment Report

This report summarises the likely impact of the proposal on the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

Assessment Number: 1202

Brief description: Implementing a updated version of the statutory Statement of Gambling Policy under the Gambling Act 2005

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Responsible Service: Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Services

Localities affected by the proposal: Whole County,

Who will be affected by the proposal? All licensed premises, responsible authorities under the Act, members of the public

Was this impact assessment completed as a group? No

Summary and Conclusion

Before we look in detail at the contribution and impact of the proposal, it is important to consider how the proposal is applying the sustainable development principle. This means that we must act "in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Score for the sustainability of the approach

2 out of 4 stars

Actual score : 21 / 36.

Summary for each Sustainable Development principle

Long term

The Policy will be applied when exercising the functions under the Gambling Act 2005. The Statement, published at least every five years, will inform interested parties of the principles the licensing authority proposes to apply when exercising its functions under the Act and in consideration of the licensing objectives: preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, • gambling is conducted in a fair and open way; and • protecting children / vulnerable persons from harm

Prevention

The policy will help stakeholders provide a legitimate business operating in a fair-trading environment. A thriving economy can support less travel and support local economy

Integration

The Policy covers a big part of the economy for Denbighshire in the form of regulating gambling establishments / practices e.g. raffles, in the county, thus contributing to business support and other responsible authorities' objectives (e.g. Gambling Commission etc.)

Collaboration

The Statement of Gambling Policy has been subject to a period of public and stakeholder consultation.

Involvement

Whilst there has been widespread public consultation the policy (and legislation) outlines how representations can be made against issues arising from gambling establishments. Consultation followed most of the National Principles

Summary of impact

Well-being Goals	Overall Impact
A prosperous Denbighshire	Positive
A resilient Denbighshire	Neutral
A healthier Denbighshire	Positive
A more equal Denbighshire	Positive
A Denbighshire of cohesive communities	Positive
A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	Neutral
A globally responsible Denbighshire	Positive

Main conclusions

The Policy has positive impact generally as it seeks to guide business to understand the expectation of gambling establishments / practices and the management thereof. The Policy cannot dictate operational practices unless they fail to meet licensing conditions and /or obligations.

Where any failures are found the policy outlines enforcement options

This policy will be continually reviewed with an obligation to re-publish every three years. or sooner if any part requires updating

The likely impact on Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

A prosperous Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

The policy helps business understand the licensing authority's stance on gambling establishments. This aids fair competition and so contributes to local thriving economy.

Further actions required

Ensure policy is relevant as is permitted under legislation and where necessary enforceable

Positive impacts identified:

A low carbon society

Thriving gambling establishments can encourage local to stay local and therefore reduce travel or use local travel options.

Quality communications, infrastructure and transport

N/A

Economic development

Assists business understand obligations.

Quality skills for the long term

N/A

Quality jobs for the long term

Thriving business provide sustainable employment.

Childcare

N/A

Negative impacts identified:

A low carbon society

Could encourage more travel into towns

Quality communications, infrastructure and transport

N/A

Economic development

If not set at appropriate level, then could become draconian and deter business.

Quality skills for the long term

N/A

Quality jobs for the long term

N/A

Childcare

N/A

**A resilient Denbighshire
Overall Impact**

Neutral

Justification for impact

The Policy does not introduce any obligations that would be detrimental to biodiversity neither can any principle be applied to encourage it.

Further actions required

N/A

**Positive impacts identified:
Biodiversity and the natural environment**

N/A

Biodiversity in the built environment

N/A

Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

N/A

Reduced energy/fuel consumption

Helps all business understand obligations in turn potential for local business set up

People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity

N/A

Flood risk management

N/A

Negative impacts identified:

Biodiversity and the natural environment

N/A

Biodiversity in the built environment

N/A

Reducing waste, reusing and recycling

N/A

Reduced energy/fuel consumption

N/A

People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity

N/A

Flood risk management

N/A

A healthier Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

Policy outlines the need for considerations for gambling harm

Further actions required

Policy assists in enforcement where gambling establishments fail meet conditions imposed on them

Positive impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being

Policy outlines requirement to have plans for reducing gambling harm

Access to good quality, healthy food

N/A

People's emotional and mental well-being

Policy outlines requirement to have plans for reducing gambling harm, actions to protect minors / vulnerable people

Access to healthcare

Policy outlines requirement to have plans for reducing gambling harm, actions to protect minors / vulnerable people

Participation in leisure opportunities

N/A

Negative impacts identified:

A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being

N/A

Access to good quality, healthy food

N/A

People's emotional and mental well-being

N/A

Access to healthcare

N/A

Participation in leisure opportunities

N/A

A more equal Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

The Policy reminds applicants / licence holders of the due regard of the Equality Act and the need to consider all aspects of equality in their business and obligations for gambling harm

Further actions required

Policy assists in enforcement where licensed premises fail meet conditions imposed on them

Positive impacts identified:

Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation

Policy reminds applicants / licensees of their legal obligations for equality.

People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage

Policy does not seek to discriminate but rather to ensure licensing objectives are met equally across business.

People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes

Policy does not seek to discriminate but rather to ensure licensing objectives are met equally across business.

Remind on obligations gambling harm

Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage

Policy does not seek to discriminate but rather to ensure licensing objectives are met equally across business. Reminds about premises located near to schools / play areas

Negative impacts identified:

Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation

N/A

People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage

N/A

People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes

N/A

Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage

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A Denbighshire of cohesive communities

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

The Policy aims to help individuals understand the local expectations in managing gambling establishments and does not discriminate against any type of business.

Further actions required

The Policy allows all types business to operate to the same standard, including local community business.

Positive impacts identified:

Safe communities and individuals

Policy seeks to consider licensing objectives at all times

Community participation and resilience

Policy seeks to consider licensing objectives at all times, whether for business or community.
Consultation of policy allows for individuals to be heard.

The attractiveness of the area

Thriving gambling establishments e.g. promenade arcades, well run can attract visitors

Connected communities

The Policy allows all types business to operate to the same standard, including local community business.

Rural resilience

The Policy allows all types business to operate to the same standard, including local community business.

**Negative impacts identified:
Safe communities and individuals**

N/A

Community participation and resilience

N/A

The attractiveness of the area

N/A

Connected communities

N/A

Rural resilience

N/A

A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

Overall Impact

Neutral

Justification for impact

The Policy guides businesses in their understanding of licensing requirements. The Policy does not have any positive or negative impacts, save for the mandatory production of bilingual documents.

Further actions required

N/A

Positive impacts identified:

People using Welsh

N/A

Promoting the Welsh language

All relevant documents produced bilingual format. Policy is bilingual

Culture and heritage

N/A

Negative impacts identified:

People using Welsh

N/A

Promoting the Welsh language

N/A

Culture and heritage

N/A

A globally responsible Denbighshire

Overall Impact

Positive

Justification for impact

The Policy supports other organisations objectives.

Further actions required

N/A

Positive impacts identified:**Local, national, international supply chains**

A thriving local gambling trade can support other local business for local supply and also assist in local transport delivery e.g. taxis

Human rights

Policy reminds applicants / licensees of their legal obligations for human rights

Broader service provision in the local area or the region

Policy should assist other in their objectives - Public Health, Crime and disorder - as they are part of consultation and help draft the policy

Reducing climate change

N/A

Negative impacts identified:**Local, national, international supply chains**

N/A

Human rights

N/A

Broader service provision in the local area or the region

N/A

Reducing climate change

N/A

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