

Impact Assessment - First Stage

1. Details of the initiative

Initiative description and summary: Draft Revised Gambling Policy
Service Area: Legal Regulatory Services
Directorate: Strategy and Corporate Services

2. Does the initiative affect:

	Yes	No
Service users	✓	
Staff		✓
Wider community	✓	
Internal administrative process only		✓

3. Does the initiative impact on people because of their:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/How might it impact?
Age			✓			The Gambling Policy has only been amended to update dates, contact details and references.
Disability			✓			
Gender Reassignment			✓			
Marriage/Civil Partnership			✓			
Pregnancy/Maternity			✓			
Race			✓			
Religion/Belief			✓			

Sex			✓			
Sexual orientation			✓			

4. Does the initiative impact on:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible		Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence used) / How might it impact?
People's opportunities to use the Welsh language		✓				The Gambling Policy has only been amended to update dates, contact details and references. Opportunity to use the Welsh language is not impacted. The policy and consultation will be made available in Welsh and responses are welcome in Welsh.
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English		✓				The Gambling Policy has only been amended to update dates, contact details and references. At no time is the Welsh language treated less favourably than English. The policy and consultation will be made available in Welsh and responses are welcome in Welsh.

5. Does the initiative impact on biodiversity:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence) / How might it impact?
To maintain and enhance biodiversity		✓				The Gambling Policy has only been amended to update dates, contact details and references. There are no biodiversity impacts.
To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment, such as air quality, flood alleviation, etc.		✓				The Gambling Policy has only been amended to update dates, contact details and references. There are no impacts on the resilience of ecosystems.

6. Does the initiative embrace the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working):

	Yes	No	Details
Long term - how the initiative supports the long term well-being of people	✓		The Licensing Authority recognises the need for people to be able to enjoy their leisure time and socialise with friends and family in a diverse and vibrant environment. This has to be balanced however against the need to ensure that children are protected from the harms of gambling and ensuring that operators are able to identify vulnerable adults with gambling addictions / problems, to offer help, guidance and support through appropriate signposting.

<p>Integration - how the initiative impacts upon our wellbeing objectives</p>	<p>✓</p>		<p>The Licensing Authority will ensure that children and adults with gambling addictions / problems are protected. Premises offer Gambling activities will be expected to have given proper consideration in operating schedules as to how they will protect children and vulnerable adults on their premises. Likewise, operating schedules will be expected to have given consideration to ensuring that their business does not impact negatively on those that live in the vicinity of the premises.</p>
<p>Involvement - how people have been involved in developing the initiative</p>	<p>✓</p>		<p>The Licensing Authority has undertaken an extensive consultation exercise in developing this policy.</p>
<p>Collaboration - how we have worked with other services/organisations to find shared sustainable solutions</p>	<p>✓</p>		<p>The Licensing Authority works with other Local Authorities and partner agencies across Wales to develop consistent policies and processes. Membership of the Institute of Licensing and representation on the Wales Licensing Expert Panel enables the Licensing Authority to work with other local authorities, partner agencies and trade bodies across Wales to develop consistent policies and processes in order to achieve its objectives.</p>
<p>Prevention - how the initiative will prevent problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>✓</p>		<p>The Licensing Authority will carefully consider all applications to ensure the licensing objectives set out in the Act are promoted at all times. Where premises are found to not be operating in a safe and responsible manner, the Licensing Authority will work with its partners to take remedial action, including formal enforcement to swiftly resolve any issues.</p>

7. Declaration - based on above assessment (tick as appropriate):

A full impact assessment (second stage) is not required	✓
Reasons for this conclusion	
This report is to update the existing Gambling Policy in line with statutory requirements. Only minor changes have been made to the policy as outlined above and it is therefore not considered necessary to complete a full impact assessment.	

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