

**West Devon Borough Council**

**STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (Gambling Act 2005) CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

NAME OR ORGANISATION	COMMENTS	APPRAISAL	SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS
<b>Cllr John Sheldon</b>	<p>“A couple of queries – where does ‘Gamble Aware’ stand within your consultations (Responsible Gambling Trust).</p> <p>Plus The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is not mentioned – being public facing and identifying vulnerabilities across the Policing area and recording at a minimum public concerns (say too many betting shops etc in a particular area).”</p>	<p>This response was received on the first day of the consultation period, so both Gamble Aware and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner were contacted and notified about the consultation.</p> <p>To note, The Chief Officer of Police, the Police Licensing Teams, Gamblers Anonymous and GamCare were already included within the consultees as representing the Police and persons representing the interests of those likely to be affected.</p>	<p>Both organisations added to the list of persons/organisations consulted under Part A, 4.3.</p>
<b>Devon and Cornwall Police</b>	<p>Confirmation that no amendments required.</p>	<p>None required</p>	<p>No amendment to policy required.</p>
<b>Fleur Barr, South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council BBfA lead Specialist</b>	<p>The Devon and Somerset Better Business for All (BBfA) Partnership are encouraging all members to incorporate the BBfA principles within internal regulatory Policy and Procedures. I have asked some members of the group for some examples, however I have put together something in the interim.</p> <p>I note many new Policies and Procedures are being produced now across the authority with</p>	<p>The Gambling Statement of Principles is relevant to many businesses across the District.</p> <p>It would therefore be appropriate to include reference to the Council’s commitment to the BBfA Partnership’s principles when dealing with businesses.</p>	<p>Insert at 3.8 wording recommended by the Devon and Somerset BBfA:</p> <p>1.1 West Devon Borough Council are fully committed to the Devon and Somerset Better Business for All (BBfA) Regulatory Services Partnership, which is endorsed by the Better Regulatory Delivery Office (BRDO), part of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS). The purpose is to build a local</p>

	<p>different Regulators. Our Partnership is committed to embedding the BBfA principles now into all internal regulators Policy and Procedures. I hope if you are reviewing any you will consider the attached document please, or discuss the item further for consideration.</p> <p>Better Business for All (BBfA) is not a short term project but a better way of working, which is mutually beneficial in times of austerity and beyond. The partnership is passionate about making a cultural change between businesses and regulators, which encourages the building of trust to establish good working relationships.</p>		<p>partnership between businesses and regulators across Devon and Somerset to promote economic prosperity, whilst maintaining public protection. This document will ensure that the Regulator will work in accordance with the BBfA principles. In doing so the Authority will create an environment and culture which will support our local businesses by making the activity that is being regulated easy to access, simple and clear to understand, whilst ensuring public protection.</p> <p>1.2 The Council will listen to business needs and act in an open and transparent way to help shape the way support is provided, this will be done following business consultations and throughout service use.</p> <p>1.3 Better Business for All is business-focused, using business-led improvements to create better regulation, support business growth and create a level playing field for businesses. In order to achieve this the Policy will be implemented in a consistent manner with competent enforcement staff who are working with the right attitudes and behaviours for the benefit of our Communities.</p>
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