

Appendix 2

Summary of consultation responses to Statement of Gambling Principles

Response from Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service correcting an error in their contact detail. The requested amendment has been made in the final draft policy

Response from Gamble Aware summarised below:

GambleAware is an independent charity tasked to fund research, education and treatment services to help to reduce gambling-related harms in Great Britain. We work in partnership with the Gambling Commission and its independent advisors, the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board, to deliver many aspects of the National Responsible Gambling Strategy.

Due to the resource constraints on a small charity, we are not able to offer specific feedback on your policy. However, we do strongly commend two recent publications by the Local Government Association which set out the range of options available to local authorities to deal with gambling-related harms using existing powers.

<https://www.local.gov.uk/tackling-gambling-related-harm-whole-council-approach>
<https://www.local.gov.uk/gambling-regulation-councillor-handbook-england-and-wales>

We fully support local authorities which conduct an analysis to identify areas with increased levels of risk for any reason, but particularly where there are higher than average resident or visiting populations from groups we know to be vulnerable to gambling related harm – children, the unemployed, the homeless, certain ethnic-minorities, lower socio-economic groups, those attending mental health (including gambling disorders) or substance addiction treatment services – and include additional licence requirements to mitigate this increased level of risk.

The guidance mentioned in the response has been considered in the drafting of the policy.