



STAR gambling survey

Decision to be taken by: n/a

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Lead director: Miranda Cannon

Useful information

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Suggested content

1. Purpose of report

To provide the Housing Scrutiny Commission with information about the STAR (Supporting Tenants And Residents) survey of clients who might have difficulties with gambling.

2. Summary

STAR staff took a sample survey of clients in February 2016 to assist the Neighbourhood Services and Scrutiny Involvement (NSCI) Scrutiny Commission.

2. Recommendation

That the attached report from STAR be noted

4. Report/Supporting information including options considered:

The information gathered by the STAR survey has been used by members to help assess the extent to which gambling has had an impact on vulnerable communities within Leicester.

The survey data was used to frame recommendations by the NSCI, and has been:

- Sent to the Gambling Commission at their request
- Presented to a regional meeting of the East Midlands Scrutiny Network (July 2016)
- Presented to a national conference of the Local Government Association on new approaches to managing local gambling risk (October 2016)

The data is set out in the attached report for members of the Housing Scrutiny Commission following a request at the Commission meeting on 10th October 2016.

5. Financial, legal and other implications

5.1 Financial implications

None

5.2 Legal implications

N/A

5.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

N/A

5.4 Equalities Implications

The equalities considerations raised in the report to NCSI in April 2016, are still relevant for consideration within the context of the STAR survey: the purpose of (this) review and recommended actions is focused on protecting vulnerable individuals, groups and communities in the city by better understanding the impact of gambling on individuals and their families, in particular the impact of fixed odds betting; and to better identify and monitor negative impacts experienced across different protected characteristics (age, ethnicity and gender) as a result of gambling

It is suggested the following equality considerations from the draft statement of gambling policy should inform the proposed actions of the (NCSI) report:

Protection of vulnerable people:

- That the licensing objective of protecting children from harm will be promoted.
- Action will be taken to ensure the safety of vulnerable people in licensed premises.

Promotion of good relations:

- Account will be taken of the effect of specific applications on community cohesion, including the need to balance the benefits of cultural and community activities with limited local disturbance.

Irene Kszyk, Corporate Equalities Lead, ext 374147.

5.5 Other Implications

N/A

6. Background information and other papers:

Report to the Neighbourhood Services and Community Involvement Commission: 4th April 2016

7. Summary of appendices:

8. Is this a private report (If so, please indicated the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)? No

9. Is this a “key decision”?

No