

Version and Timing

Feature	2021 Version	2025 Draft Version
Effective Date	31 January 2022	14 January 2025 (Draft)
Review Cycle	Every 3 years	Every 3 years
Latest Revision Date	November 2021	January 2025
Status	2022 Adopted by Council	Draft (with watermark)

Structural Differences

Section	2021 Version	2025 Draft Version
Part Structure	Parts A–D, 29 sections + annexes	Same structure, some section titles slightly reworded
Wording	Formal and direct	Slightly expanded with more explanatory notes and examples

Substantive Content Differences

1. Public Health and Gambling

- **2021:** Public health is mentioned briefly (Section 15), focusing on collaborative approaches with Norfolk County Council.
- **2025:** Expands this section with more direct emphasis on gambling-related harm as a public health issue, reflecting a stronger alignment with national policy and strategy updates.

2. Local Area Profiling

- **2021:** States no specific risk areas identified but outlines the importance of local profiling.
- **2025:** Adds more language around collaboration and public accessibility of this profiling data if/when developed.

3. Language and Guidance Updates

- The **2025 version** includes updated references to:
 - New or updated Gambling Commission links/guidance.
 - Enhanced examples under conditions for Adult Gaming Centres and Family Entertainment Centres.
 - Greater focus on **door supervisors, machine location**, and **risk mitigation** strategies.

Policy Enhancements in 2025 Draft

- New definitions and examples for what constitutes “vulnerable persons.”
 - Expanded explanation of risk-based inspections and enforcement (aligning with updated regulatory expectations).
 - More consistent integration of **data protection (GDPR/Data Protection Act 2018)** language in the sections dealing with information exchange.
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Administrative and Formatting Updates

Element	2021 Version	2025 Draft Version
Lead Officer	Not explicitly listed	Elisa Pendered
Approval	Tracy Howard / Emily Capps	Cara Jordan (planned)
Layout	Compact formatting	Expanded, more readable layout (possibly for consultation readability)
Annexes	Included (List of Consultees, Delegation table, etc.)	Included (Draft, public consultation completed)

The **Gambling Statement of Principles 2025** references several key documents and sources as background papers. These include:

1. **Gambling Act 2005:**

- The primary legislation governing gambling activities in the UK, which sets out the licensing objectives and the framework for regulating gambling.

2. **Gambling Commission Guidance:**

- Guidance issued by the Gambling Commission to local authorities, which provides detailed instructions on how to implement the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005.

3. **HM Government Consultation Principles (2018):**

- Guidelines on how to conduct consultations, ensuring that the process is transparent, inclusive, and effective.

4. **Data Protection Act 2018:**

- Legislation governing the handling of personal data, ensuring that the exchange of information between the licensing authority and other bodies complies with data protection requirements.

5. **Social Responsibility Code (January 2018):**

- Part of the Gambling Commission's Licensing Conditions and Codes of Practice, which requires licensees to assess local risks to the licensing objectives and implement measures to mitigate those risks.

6. **Public Health England and Norfolk County Council Public Health Team:**

- Collaboration with public health bodies to address the prevention of problem gambling and its associated health harms.

7. **Consultation Feedback:**

- There were no responses suggesting changes to the existing policy from the public consultation. Consultation feedback was included when the 2022 policy was reviewed.

8. **Previous Gambling Policy Statements:**

- The Council's first gambling policy was adopted on 1st November 2006 and subsequent reviews built on this foundation up to and including the current statement.

These background papers and sources have informed the development of the **Gambling Statement of Principles 2025**, ensuring that it is comprehensive, up-to-date, and aligned with best practices and legislative requirements.