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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Consultation of revision of Gambling Policy 2016**

I refer to the tri-annual review of council policies under s349 of the Gambling Act 2005.

As you will be aware Councils are obliged to consult on the review with operators who hold licences in this Borough and others affected by the policy. The link below is to our draft policy which is on our website:

[www.blackburn.gov.uk/Pages/Gambling-licence.aspx](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/Pages/Gambling-licence.aspx)

A number of changes have been made to the Operator's Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice by the Gambling Commission. These have been reflected in this review and attached to this letter is a summary of the proposed changes for your perusal.

Should you have any comments on the suggested amendments or indeed you wish to propose other alterations to the policy I would be obliged if you would place them in writing to me no later than 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015

If you have any queries relating to the consultation please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'D M Riding'.

Donna Riding

Principal Licensing Officer

## **Summary of proposed changes**

### **PART A – Enforcement**

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Addition of test purchases and to seek guidance from the Primary Authority before taking enforcement action.

### **PART B – Premises Licences**

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To include considerations of the risk assessments under the Licence Conditions & Codes of Practice (LCCP) when determining applications.

Pages 14 and 15 paragraphs

Considerations that operators must make in order to protect children and young people from accessing gambling premises and to have policies and procedures in place under the (LCCP).

### **Adult Gaming Centres**

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Gambling areas to be clearly defined when entering a premises whereby gambling is a supplementary activity on those premises.

### **PART D – Licence Conditions & Codes of Practice**

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This outlines the LCCP which have been introduced and explains operator's requirements.

### **Risk Assessments**

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This explains what this Council expect Operators to take into account when conducting their risk assessments. These risk assessments will form part of the inspection regime.

### **Local Area Profile**

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The local are profile for this authority will be covered under the risk assessments required under the LCCP.