

- 4.3 Part of the legal framework to the Act are ‘responsible authorities’. These are statutory consultees on specific applications. One authority is specified as the *‘body, designated in writing by the Licensing Authority, as competent to advise about the protection of children from harm’*. The current statement stipulates Milton Keynes Safeguarding (Children’s) Board (MKS[C]B) as that body.
- 4.4 However, in 2018/19 MKSB ceased to exist as an entity and its role has been included in a new organisation and structure within the Council known as MK Together (MKT). This fulfils the same role MKSB but with a wider more holistic role that includes community safety. Whilst the role in respect of licensing has not changed the current statement of principles of the Council is incorrect as it states MKSB as the recognised body and it therefore needs to be amended to state MK Together as the appropriate responsible authority that the Council now recognises.
- 4.5 Because the change is one of name rather than function a full statutory consultation has not been undertaken with gambling businesses, and other persons because it is not a change of policy direction but instead an update to reflect a change of name to an existing responsible authority. Nevertheless all of the responsible authorities specified under the Act have been consulted on the change. In addition the proposed revision has been published in line with the appropriate Regulations for four weeks prior to the committee meeting. Further there has been a consultation on the Councils website, and Town/ Parish Councils and Councillors have been notified. There have been no comments received from any party.

5. Implications

5.1 Policy

The revised and updated statement contributes to improved resilience in discharging legal duties under the legislation concerned and assists in clarifying roles and responsibilities for promoting the licensing objectives.

5.2 Resources and Risk

None.

5.3 Legal

Section 349 of the Gambling Act requires a licensing authority (to) keep its policy under review and make such revisions to it, at such times, as it considers appropriate.

The Gambling Act 2005 (Licensing Authority Policy Statement) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 details the process to be followed in respect of a proposed revision.

Background Papers: Minute LC10 - Licensing Committee, September 2018
[Minutes - 12 September 2018](#)

List of Annexes

Annex A: Milton Keynes Statement of Gambling Principles 2018 - 2021
<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/environmental-health-and-trading-standards/licensing/gambling/gambling-act-applications-and-licences>

Annex B: Summary of Changes Proposed to Policy