Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy

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Part A: Section 7.7	Replace 'Department for Business Innovation & Skills' with 'Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy' following the merge between the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) and the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC)
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Part B Section 11	Inclusion of new section on Local Risk Assessments: 11. Local Risk Assessments
	11.1 The licensing authority would recommend that the following matters are considered by operators when making their risk assessment:
	 the location of the premises to services for children such as schools, playgrounds, leisure/community centres and other areas where children will gather;
	• the vicinity of the premises to gambling or addiction support or treatment centres where children or vulnerable groups may be present;
	• Range of facilities in proximity to the licensed premises such as other gambling outlets, banks, post offices, service tills, refreshment and entertainment type facilities;
	• the demographics of the area in relation to vulnerable groups;;
	 whether the premises is in an area subject to high levels of crime and/or disorder;
	• local risk assessments should show how vulnerable people, including people with gambling dependencies are protected including the use of Information held by the licensee regarding self- exclusions and incidences of underage gambling;
	• Known problems in the area such as problems arising from street drinkers, youths participating in anti-social behaviour, drug dealing activities, etc.
	This list is not exhaustive and other factors not in this list that are identified must be taken into consideration.
	11.2 The Licensing Authority expects a current copy of the Local Ris Assessment to be kept at the licensed premises.

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