

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

Amended Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy

Hamilton City Council (the Council) is seeking feedback on proposed amendments to the Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy. This Policy regulates the location and number of venues which have gambling machines (Class 4 venues) within Hamilton City.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

The Gambling Act 2003 and Racing Act 2003 required Council to have a Class 4 Venues Policy and a TAB Board Venue Policy. These policies have to be reviewed every three years.

Council has recently completed this review resulting in revised policies being adopted on 2 March 2016.

During this review, Council decided to consider in the Class 4 Venues Policy the option of allowing existing venues within the permitted gambling areas to move to another venue within the permitted gambling area. This is not currently allowed under the revised policy. As this was not outlined on the Statement of Proposal sent to the public during the last review, Council must re-consult with the public if it wishes to make this change.

There are no other suggested changes to the Class 4 Venue Policy.

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED

The two changes proposed to be considered by Council are:

1. The Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy does not allow any relocation, even within permitted areas. In consideration, this could be restrictive on operators as it does not allow them to relocate to alternative premises (for example to relocate to a premise which

may be more fit for use than their current premise).

Policy Amendment – addition of section 4(b).

2. The Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy requires any private clubs that merge and consolidate their existing activities to only be able to use one of their existing venues. This would restrict private clubs who merge from locating to a more suitable premise within the permitted area. The removal of the word “existing” would address this issue.

Policy Amendment to section 4(a).

TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE POLICY

We encourage you to tell us your views. For a copy of the draft Policy and a feedback form, visit the Hamilton City Council website www.hamilton.govt.nz/haveyoursay

How to give feedback

There are a number of ways you can give your feedback:

1. Fill out a feedback form online.
2. Fill out the feedback form and send to Hamilton City Council, Strategy Unit, Private Bag 3010, Hamilton 3240.

Feedback forms and the proposed policy are also available from all Hamilton City Council libraries, and from the Ground Floor reception of Council's Municipal Building in Garden Place. For any queries please ring 07 838 6699.

The period for giving us written feedback is open from **16 May 2016 and closes 4pm on 17 June 2016.**