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Subject: Draft Gambling Bill

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets would like to make the following response to your consultation document:

- 1 Default hours seems a sensible way of handling any transition
- 2 Clearly both officer and Councillor training is necessary. It should only be compulsory for Councillors if it is distinctive from the general issues around licence determinations.
- 3 Income for the local authority must match expenditure. The Government must be transparent about how it has calculated this, unlike the current experiences with the Licensing Act 2003.
- 4 There should be one regulator for all gambling, with one age restriction.
- 5 Gaming machines should not be available on premises where children have unsupervised access.
- 6 It is not necessary for Local Authorities to review their policies every three years

The extension of controls to the internet is welcome.

If I can be of any further help please do not hesitate to contact me.



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