

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director (Customer and Digital)	Council	19 November 2019

## REVISED STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To confirm the amendments for the revision of the Council's Revised Statement of Principles as required under the Gambling Act 2005.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

- To adopt the revised Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 for the period 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The Gambling Act 2005 requires local authorities to produce a Statement of Principles which sets out the Councils approach to licensing premises under this Act.
- This document should be approved every three years.
- The current Statement of Principles expires on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.
- A revised Statement of Principles covering the period from 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 is appended at Appendix B.
- The Council should adopt a Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 to provide clarity and guidance to licence holders on the principles to be applied by the Council when considering applications and compliance.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No

### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all		A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy homes and communities	X	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	X

## BACKGROUND

9. The Gambling Act 2005 came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007, this conferred powers on the Council as the Licensing Authority to grant licences and permits to premises in the Borough that provide facilities for gambling, for example: -
- Betting Shops;
  - Gaming Centres; and
  - Gaming Machines in pubs and clubs.
10. In producing its Statement of Principles, the Licensing Authority is required to comply with the regulations and various guidance and to consult with various identified persons and representative bodies.
11. The Gambling Act 2005 requires the Licensing Authority to publish a “Statement of Principles” that it proposes to apply in exercising its functions under the Gambling Act 2005 during the three-year period to which the Statement of Principles applies.
12. The Licensing Authority is under a duty to approve another three-year Statement of Principles. Before the Statement of Principles can take effect, the Licensing Authority must publish it for at least four weeks, by making it available on the Council’s website, at the Council’s offices and at other appropriate premises. The Council must also advertise the publication of the Statement of Principles by Public Notice.
13. The revised Statement of Principles will take effect for three years on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019.
14. Consultation took place between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 and there are no proposed amendments resulting from this.

## IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

15. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors’ comments are included:

Finance	X	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	X	Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

## COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

16. No Comment

## COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

17. The legal requirement to publish the Statement of Principles is referenced in the report. Further the Council are obliged to ensure that these principles are reasonable. The process of publication of the principles prior to adoption provides an opportunity for their reasonableness to be tested by the public and not just Councillors.

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<b>Appendices</b>		
<b>Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>File</b>
REVISED STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005		Appendix A
SUMMARY OF REVISED CHANGES		Appendix B