**GAMBLING ACT 2005- STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES POLICY REVIEW AND CONSULTATION**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To advise members of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee of the proposed amendments to the Statement of Principles required under the Gambling Act 2005.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. That the Licensing and Public Safety Committee are asked to recommend approval to Council of the reviewed Statement of Principles (Gambling Act 2005) subject to the following:

   a) On the expiration of the consultation period (19 September 2016) the Director of Early Intervention and Chair of Licensing and Public Safety Committee are given delegated authority to make any minor amendments arising out of any consultation responses.

   b) On the expiration of the consultation period (19 September 2016) any major changes considered to be necessary as a result of the consultation response will be reported back to the Licensing and Public Safety Committee for further consideration and approval.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

(If the recommendations are accepted)

3. Recommendation for approval of the Statement of Principles in accordance with section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 to ensure that the Council has a Statement of Principles that meets the statutory requirements of the Gambling Act 2005.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT**

4. Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 requires that the Licensing Authority prepare and publish a three year licensing Statement of Principles.

5. This duty also requires a periodic review of the licensing statement on a date prescribed by the secretary of state which is currently every 3 years.

6. Consultation in relation to the proposed changes came to an end on 19 September 2016, it was sent directly to partner agencies, including the responsible authorities. The consultation was also available on the Council's website and the trade have been encouraged to comment.
7. At the time of writing this report; the Licensing Authority had received one response. The final Statement of Principles will take account of this.

8. It is noted that at the time of determining this matter, the consultation period will have expired however due to publishing deadlines; any alterations to the Statement of Principles arising from the consultation will be made after the meeting of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee.

9. The Council must approve the Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005. This will provide clarity to licensing customers on the principles to be applied by the Council’s Licensing Authority.

10. The proposed Statement of Principles is appended at Appendix A.

11. The proposed amendments to the Statement of Principles are appended at Appendix B.

12. The consultation response is appended at Appendix C.

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CORPORATE PRIORITIES

13. 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 communities | X | An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area | X |

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

14. No alternative options are appropriate or relevant due to the statutory requirement to produce the Statement of Principles.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

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

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COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

16. The proposed revised Statement of Principles is in accordance with the Council’s legal powers under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Powers) Act 1976.

17. It is open to Committee to approve the revised Statement of Principles based on all the relevant information and following consideration of the report.
There are no background papers to this report.