

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Early Intervention & Support	Council	22 November 2016

GAMBLING ACT 2005- STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES POLICY REVIEW AND CONSULTATION

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To advise Council of the amendments to the Statement of Principles required under the Gambling Act 2005.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That Council approve the reviewed Statement of Principles (Gambling Act 2005).

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) **(If the recommendations are accepted)**

3. It is recommended that Council approve 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. The Licensing Authority received two responses. The final Statement of Principles takes account of these.
8. The revised Statement of Principles was debated at a meeting of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee on 21 September 2016 where members recommended Council approval.
9. Following the meeting of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee on 21 September 2016, the draft policy was re-configured as the draft Policy presented at that Committee had not been properly formatted.
10. 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.

11. The proposed Statement of Principles is appended at Appendix A.
12. The proposed amendments to the Statement of Principles are appended at Appendix B.
13. The consultation responses are appended at Appendix C.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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CORPORATE PRIORITIES

14. 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

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

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

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

Finance		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

The Gambling Act fees are set independently of the Statement of principles and therefore there are no financial implications in relation to this local policy report.

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

17. The duty of the licensing authority to review and publish a statement of principles under Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 is referred to in the body of the report.
18. Final approval of the statement of principles may only be made by full Council under the Gambling Act 2005.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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