
Gambling Policy - Summary Report

Committee considering report:	Licensing Committee
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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To determine a draft Statement of Licensing Policy on Gambling.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To approve the revised version of the policy, as amended, following recent statutory consultation

3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** None
- 3.2 **Policy:** The Gambling Act 2005 requires the Council to formulate, consult and publish a statement of principles every three years
- 3.3 **Personnel:** None
- 3.4 **Legal:** It is a legal requirement for the council to publish and have regard to a licensing policy
- 3.5 **Risk Management:** None
- 3.6 **Property** None
- 3.7 **Other:**

4. Other options considered

- 4.1 None

5. Executive Summary

- 5.1 The Gambling Act 2004 requires the Council to publish a statement of policy on Gambling every three years. Prior to publication the draft policy must be consulted upon widely.
- 5.2 The current policy is required to be re published on or before the 31st January 2016 and be in force until 31 January 2019 unless amendments are required during that period through changes in legislation or local policy. A wide ranging consultation has been carried out on the existing policy statement.
- 5.3 The only material changes made to the existing policy are those where guidance issued by the Gambling Commission's Licensing Conditions and Codes of Practice (LCCP) and the Local Government Association has been updated. A small number of typographical and grammatical changes have also been made.
- 5.4 Changes to the draft policy are highlighted in the document attached at Appendix A.

6. Proposals

- 6.1 Members are requested to agree the content of the draft Statement of Policy on Gambling as presented in the Appendix to this report and to recommend its adoption by the Council.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment Outcomes

- 7.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed and is attached at Appendix B.

8. Conclusion

- 8.1 There is a mandatory duty on the Council to publish a Gambling Policy.

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix A – Draft Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles)
- 9.2 Appendix B – Equalities Impact Assessment
- 9.3 Appendix C – Consultation responses