

<b>Board/Committee:</b>	Regulatory Board
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	8 June 2022
<b>Title:</b>	Gambling – Review of Statement of Principles
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<b>Status:</b>	For Recommendation to Full Council

### **Purpose**

The Council is required to review its Gambling Statement of Principles every three years, the current three-year period ended in February 2022. The purpose of this report is to bring the draft statement of Principles, together with the consultation responses, to this Board for approval for recommendation so that it can be adopted at Council. The statutory consultation exercise in respect of this Statement has been completed.

### **Recommendation**

**That the Board:**

- i) Considers the draft document and incorporates any amendments as necessary; and**
- ii) Recommends to Council the final draft Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles for adoption by Council.**

#### **1.0 Background**

**1.1** Under the Gambling Act 2005, the Council is required to review and publish every three years a Statement of Principles, for use in connection with applications and reviews.

**1.2** The purpose of this report is to bring the draft revised Statement of Principles, together with a summary of any consultation responses, to this Board for approval for recommendation to be adopted at Full Council.

#### **2.0 Report**

**2.1** The Gambling Act 2005 introduced significant changes in the regulation of the Gambling Industry. The majority of these changes fell to the Gambling Commission to implement. Local Authorities were required to act as the licensing authority in relation to the licensing of premises and the issuing of permits for certain activities:

- *Casinos*
- *Betting offices and racetracks*
- *Bingo premises*

- *Adult gaming centres*
- *Family entertainment centres.*

**2.2** The Council is required to determine and publish, every three years, a Statement of Principles in relation to the exercise of its functions under the Gambling Act 2005. The three-year period to which the current Statement of Policy relates ended in February 2022.

**2.3** The draft revised Statement of Policy can be seen at Appendix A to this report.

**2.4** Due to no major changes in Legislation, Guidance, etc the Policy has had no significant changes made to it.

**2.5** Consultation with the bodies as per Appendix 1 of the revised draft Statement of Principles was undertaken between 1 October and 10 December 2021.

**3.0 Details of any consultation responses.**

**3.1** There were no consultation responses received.

**4.0 Risk Assessment**

**4.1** *The Council is required by statute to review and publish every three years a reviewed Gambling Act Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005. In the absence of such a statement it may not be possible to consider applications made under the Act.*

**5.0 Conclusion**

**5.1** This Council must adopt a three-yearly reviewed Gambling Act Statement of Principles issued under the Gambling Act 2005. The reviewed Gambling Act Statement of Principles must be adopted by the Council for the period 2022-2025

**5.2** The reviewed Gambling Act Statement of Principles has been prepared for adoption in compliance with guidance issued by the Gambling Commission. Subject to any amendments the Board wish to make, the draft can be recommended for adoption by the Council.

<b>Financial Services comments:</b>	<i>None received</i>
<b>Legal Services comments:</b>	<i>None received</i>
<b>Equality and Diversity:</b>	<i>None received</i>
<b>Climate Change implications:</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Crime and Disorder:</b>	<i>The policy helps prevent Gambling being used as a source of criminal activity.</i>
<b>Service Improvement Plan</b>	<i>Without a revised policy in place, any decisions</i>

<b>implications:</b>	<i>made by the council in respect of Gambling could be easily challenged.</i>
<b>Corporate Plan:</b>	<i>Having an up-to-date Gambling Statement of Principles supports the Corporate Plan in that it supports the gambling economy and helps to deliver effective services in that area.</i>
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	<i>We have had a Statement of Principles since the inception of the Gambling Act in 2005, it simply details the considerations taken into place when determining applications. It takes account of problem Gambling and the protection of children from harm.</i>
<b>Background Papers:</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Appendices:</b>	<i>Draft Statement of Principles</i>
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