

Agenda Item

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING MANAGER

To: FULL COUNCIL

Subject: GAMBLING ACT – STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Date: 30 JANUARY 2022

Reference:

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To present the Authority's revised Statement of Principles published under s.349 of the Gambling Act 2005 for formal adoption

1. INTRODUCTION

Section 349(1) of the Gambling Act requires licensing authorities to *'prepare a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising its functions under the Act'*.

Section 349(2) of the Act requires the licensing authority to review the statement at least every three years, revise it if necessary and to publish any revision. Regulations require that any revision to the Statement of Principles must be published at least four weeks before the revised Statement comes into effect.

2. REPORT

The current Statement of Principles will expire on 30th January 2022.

A revised Statement of Principles has been reviewed and updated in line with the latest guidance and is provided in the Appendix.

A consultation on this statement has been carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Gambling Act and there have been no objections or other representations.

The Licensing Committee will review the policy at the next Committee on 26th January 2022.

The revised statement requires formal adoption by Full Council and publication.

3. IMPLICATIONS

Legal Implications

By consulting on the revised Statement of Principles, the Authority has complied with the legal requirements of s.349 of the Act. The Statement must, however, be formally adopted by full Council and then published in accordance with regulations.

Financial Implications

None

Human Resources Implications

None

Sustainability Implications

None

Equality/Diversity

None

Risk Management

There are legal, reputational and possible financial risks if the Council does not maintain a Statement of Principles which reflects current legislation and the latest guidance issued by the Gambling Commission.

Compliance with Policies and Strategies

All regulatory activity will be carried out in accordance with current policy and procedures.

Data Protection (GDPR) Implications

None

Climate Change

None

Lead Member Views

The Lead member for Licensing has reviewed the policy as part of the Licensing Committee.

4. CONCLUSIONS

The Statement of Principles sets out the Authority's approach to the regulation of gambling in its area and the standards it will apply in relation to licensed premises, permits and registrations. The proposed revisions to the current Policy are designed to keep it up to date, relevant, robust and to reflect evolving guidance from the Gambling Commission since the last review in 2018.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the revised Statement of Principles be formally adopted.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Consultations: In accordance with the schedule agreed by Licensing Committee

Contact: Chris Parkhouse

Supporting papers: Licensing data area/files