

# **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE – 22 JUNE 2015**

### **GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1** To brief the Committee upon the requirement to carry out a consultation exercise upon the Council's draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.

#### **2. DESCRIPTION OF DECISION (RECOMMENDATIONS)**

- 2.1** The Committee are requested to note the contents of the report and give their approval that the Licensing Section undertakes a consultation exercise upon the Council's draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.

#### **3. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

- 3.1** Section 349 of the Act requires all Gambling Act Licensing Authorities to prepare and publish a statement of principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under the Act.

- 3.2** The current Statement of Principles was agreed at a meeting of the Council on 28 November 2012 and was published on 31 December 2012. The Act requires that this statement is reviewed by the Council every three years. The Act further requires that any revision of the statement is subject to a consultation exercise. The parties who must be consulted are:

- The Chief Officer of Police;
- One or more persons who appear to the Council to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the Council's area; and
- One or more persons who appear to the Council to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the Council's functions under the Gambling Act 2005.

#### **4. CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1** Officers have completed a review of the current Statement of Principles. The current statement is based upon the Guidance to Licensing Authorities published by the Gambling Commission. during the period of validity of the current statement

Licensing Officers have not identified any need to change the current statement in any material way. Officers have therefore prepared a new draft statement which largely replicates the current document but which has been amended to reflect administrative changes etc. A copy of this draft is attached to the report as Appendix 1.

- 4.2** The Committee are recommended to agree that this draft is sent for consultation. Any responses received may prompt a revision of the draft. In due course the finalised draft of the Statement will be referred to the full Council for approval.

## **5. REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

- 5.1** To facilitate compliance with legislation.

## **6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 6.1** None submitted.

## **7. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS/CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1** None

## **8 GLOSSARY**

- 8.1** No acronyms or abbreviations have been used in this report.

## **9 LIST OF APPENDICES**

- 9.1** Appendix 1 – Draft copy of the Council’s Statement of Principles

## **10 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1** Gambling Act 2005  
**10.2** Gambling Commission’s Guidance to Licensing Authorities (4th Edition)

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# Appendix 1

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