

## GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE – 13 NOVEMBER 2015

# GAMBLING ACT 2005 – REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the review of the (gambling) Statement of Principles in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005.

### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 requires all licensing authorities to publish a statement of principles and undertake a review of the statement every three years thereafter. The statement sets out the principles which the licensing authority will follow as it exercises its gambling licensing functions and promotes the gambling licensing objectives. The statement provides transparency for all those involved in the gambling licensing regime including local residents, responsible authorities and operators.

### 3. REVIEW OF POLICY

- 3.1 The (gambling) Statement of Principles is only valid for a three year period without a formal review. The current statement came into force on 31 January 2013. The review of the statement should replicate the original process and also take into account and reflect any developments or trends at both local and national levels.
- 3.2 A copy of the responses to the consultation and an officer appraisal summary is attached to this report as **Appendix 1**.
- 3.3 The amended Statement of Principles, taking into account all relevant comments received, is attached to this report as **Appendix 2**.
- 3.4 The committee is invited to consider the consultation responses and the amended Statement of Principles and make any further changes that are considered appropriate. The statement will then be submitted to Council for approval.

### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 All costs associated with the review are met from gambling licensing fee income.

### 5. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None directly associated with this report.

### 6. CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The statement of principles sets out the approach taken by the Council to:
- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime;
  - Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.

## **7. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The statement also sets out the approach taken by the Council to uphold the protection of children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

## **8. RECOMMENDATION**

- 8.1 That the Committee considers the responses to the consultation and recommends to Council the adoption of the new (gambling) Statement of Principles with effect from 1 January 2016.

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### **Background Papers:**

Gambling Act 2005  
Section 25 Guidance (Sept 2012)