

REPORT TO: LICENSING COMMITTEE

DATE: 20 NOVEMBER 2018

TITLE: REVIEW OF GAMBLING ACT LICENSING POLICY

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RECOMMENDED that:

- A** The Licensing Committee recommends to Full Council that the proposed replacement Gambling Act Licensing Policy (attached as Appendix A to the report) be approved.

BACKGROUND

1. The Council the local 'Licensing Authority' for the purposes of the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act). The Council must publish a Statement of Gambling Act Policy and review it at least every three years. The Council's current policy was published on 22 February 2016 and is due to be reviewed and republished before 31 January 2019.
2. The Gambling Commission under section 25 of the Act provides guidance to Licensing Authorities on how they should discharge their functions and duties. The current fifth edition of the Commission's guidance was issued in September 2015 with further updates added in September 2016. The proposed replacement Gambling Act Licensing Policy attached as Appendix A reflects that guidance.
3. Council undertook a public consultation on the proposed replacement Gambling Act Licensing Policy which ended on 30 October 2018. No representations were received.

ISSUES/PROPOSALS

4. The revised policy provides guidance for operators when undertaking local risk assessments.
5. The Licensing Committee recommend to Full Council adoption of the proposed replacement Gambling Act Licensing Policy attached at Appendix A to come into effect from 31 January 2019.

IMPLICATIONS

Place (Includes Sustainability)

As contained within the report.

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Finance (Includes ICT)

None specific.

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Housing

None specific.

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Community Wellbeing (Includes Equalities and Social Inclusion)

None specific.

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The Council is under a duty to review its Gambling Act Policy every three years and to consult on any changes. The Council has fulfilled its requirement to consult and received no responses, the draft Gambling Act Policy has been updated to reflect changes required.

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Appendices

Appendix A – Draft Gambling Licensing Policy Statement 2019-2022

Background Papers

None.

Glossary of terms/abbreviations used

The Act – The Gambling Act 2005