

**Report of the Service Director to the
General Licensing Regulatory Board
to be held on the 26 October 2022**

Statement of Gambling Policy Review consultation 2022

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report, is to inform Members of the statement of Gambling Policy Review Consultation.

2. Background

As a licensing authority we must determine and publish a Statement of Gambling Policy at least once every three years, in line with statutory guidelines. In respect of this we have reviewed our current Statement of Gambling policy and are now in a position to carry out the statutory consultation before the final policy is determined.

3. Current Position

The Gambling Act 2005 requires the Council to have a “Statement of Gambling Policy” that sets out the policies that the Council will generally apply to promote the Licensing Objectives when making decisions on applications made under the Act.

The Gambling Commission jointly regulates the gambling industry with licensing authorities. The gambling authorities regulate personal and operating licenses, i.e. business who provide gambling, and local authorities regulate permits and premises i.e. the physical area/premises where gambling takes place.

The Gambling Act 2005 has three licensing objectives that a licensing authority must incorporate into any strategy. These are:

- 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
- protecting children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

The Statement of Gambling Policy will not override the right of any person to make an application, make representations about an application, or apply for a review of a licence, as each will be considered on its own merits and in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Act.

The consultation will run for 10 weeks commencing on 28th October 2022 and finishing at 00:00 hours on 6th January 2023.

4. Proposal

Members are asked to consider the consultation document and provide any views to the Licensing Officer in writing no later than 00:00 on the 6th January 2023.

5. Recommendation

That members note and consider the consultation arrangements and respond accordingly to the consultation document

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