

**Report of the Service Director to the
Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board
to be held on the 3 June 2020**

Statement of Gambling Policy Review consultation 2020

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report, is to inform Members of the responses received to the statement of Gambling Policy Review Consultation and seek approval to implement the Gambling Policy as advertised.

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 carried out the statutory consultation which finished on the 1st May 2020.

3. Current Position

Local authorities are required to have a Statement of Gambling Policy as per the Gambling Act 2005. Regulation of gambling is split between the Gambling Commission and local authorities with the gambling authorities regulating operators, i.e. business who provide gambling, and local authorities regulating 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 licensing authority is obliged to protect vulnerable people, and the licensing policy is devoted to achieving this.

The statutory consultation ran for 10 weeks commencing on 21 February 2020 until 00:00 hours on 1 May 2020 and 4 responses were received in total. All responses were positive, two from Elected Members, one from Noise Pollution Officer James Gardham and the Gambling Commission responded to clarify some minor factual references and suggest that we include in our policy a requirement to keep risk assessments on the property and available for inspection.

4. Proposal

Officers have clarified the factual references referred to by the Gambling Commission and added the requirement to the draft policy document for local risk assessments to be kept on the property and made available for inspection by an authorised officer.

Members are asked to consider the consultation responses and determine the adoption of the final policy.

The final policy will then be advertised 4 weeks prior to the adoption of the final Gambling Policy document.

5. Recommendation

That members adopt the statement of Gambling policy with an implementation date of the 24th July 2020.

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