

AGENDA ITEM 14

FULL COUNCIL

12 DECEMBER 2012

REPORT OF HEAD OF REGULATORY SERVICES

GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To invite members to consider and approve the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **To recommend that the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles at Appendix A be approved.**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Under the Gambling Act 2005 the Council is responsible for preparing a Statement of Principles setting out how it exercises its various responsibilities in terms of issuing premises licences, liaising with the Gambling Commission (a national co-regulator), carrying out its enforcement functions and issuing permits for small-scale gambling such as machines in alcohol-licensed premises and registering small society lotteries. The Council has the legal responsibility to review its Statement of Principles, under the Gambling Act 2005, every three years dating from January 2007.

- 3.2 The Act places a duty on the Council to develop a Statement of Principles that promotes the three licensing objectives:

- 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, and
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited.

- 3.3 If approved this Statement of Principles would take effect from 31 January 2013.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 If this Statement of Principles is approved all Gambling Act 2005 applications and related matters will be dealt with in the future with reference to this document.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial or other resource implications.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

- 6.1 This policy has been written in accordance with the Council's responsibilities under the Gambling Act 2005.

7.0 **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

7.1 This Statement of Principles has been written with Crime and Disorder and suitability of location in mind.

8.0 **EQUALITIES**

8.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment for Gambling Act 2005 is in place.

9.0 **RISKS**

9.1 All risks associated with Gambling and the promotion of the Licensing Objectives have been addressed within this Statement as far as it is reasonable to do so.

10.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE**

10.1 There are no matters relating to climate change.

11.0 **CONSULTATION**

11.1 Full consultation has taken place in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005. There were no responses to this consultation.

12.0 **WARDS AFFECTED**

12.1 All wards.

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Appendices : Appendix A - Proposed Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles.

Reference : Q : Committees