

Statutory Licensing Committee

28 November 2018

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| Report title | Review of the Statement of Gambling Policy | |
| Wards affected | All | |
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| Report to be/has been considered by | None | |

Recommendation for decision:

The Licensing Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Approve the draft policy to be presented to Full Council on 5 December 2018 for approval and implementation from 31 January 2019.

Recommendations for noting:

The Licensing Committee is asked to note:

- (ii) The review that has taken place on the terms of the Statement of Gambling Policy.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To present for consideration by Councillors the proposed Statement of Gambling Policy for approval by Full Council on 5 December 2018.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The first 'Statement of Gambling Policy' was approved and adopted by the Council on 8 November 2006 and came into effect on 31 January 2007. In accordance with section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 and guidance issued by the Secretary of State the policy must be renewed every three years following this.
- 2.2 Licensing Authorities are required to prepare and consult upon a Statement of Gambling Policy every three years. In order to adhere to these requirements, the proposed draft policy must be in force with effect from 31 January 2019.
- 2.3 Once adopted and published a Statement of Gambling Policy shall remain in force for a period of three years. However, a Licensing Authority can review their statement from time to time and if they think it necessary, revise the statement and publish any revision before giving it effect.
- 2.4 New guidance has been published which requires the Statement of Gambling Policy to contain a local area assessment. This document will be to assist applicants by detailing the local area and highlighting issues that may be relevant to their applications.
- 2.5 As part of this review a local area assessment has been developed and the final document has been included with the Statement of Gambling Policy.

3.0 Progress, options, discussion, etc.

- 3.1 The changes to the policy and statement of principles were very minimal. The consultation has included a local area risk assessment and a data tool.
- 3.2 The policy is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.4 The statement of principles is attached at Appendix 2 of this report
- 3.5 The local area assessment is attached at Appendix 3 of this report.
- 3.6 Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 provides that the Licensing Authority shall consult with:
 - The chief of police
 - Persons who appear to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the authority's area
 - Persons who represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by activity resulting from the Act.

3.7 The consultation followed best practice and involved a twelve-week consultation with a broad range of stakeholders.

3.8 One response to the consultation was received from Public Health. The comments received have been incorporated into the policy document at section 4 and relate to:

- Consulting with Public Health on new applications

4.0 Financial implications

4.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report. [MK/15112018/J]

5.0 Legal implications

5.1 The legal implications are included within the main body of the report. [SH/14112018/P]

6.0 Equalities implications

6.1 There are no equalities implications associated with this report.

7.0 Environmental implications

7.1 There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

8.0 Human resources implications

8.1 There are no human resources implication associated with this report.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

9.1 There are no corporate landlord implications associated with this report.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

10.1 Licensing Committee – Review of the statement of gambling policy – 6 June 2018