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## **Meeting of the Cabinet – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

### **Report of the Acting Director of Public Realm**

### **Review of Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles)**

#### **Purpose**

1. To consider the recommendations of the Licensing and Safety Committee concerning the review of the attached Statement of Principles for the Gambling Act 2005.

#### **Recommendations**

2. That the Cabinet endorse the recommendations of the Licensing and Safety Committee, namely:-
  - That the responses to the consultation and review of the Council's Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles), be noted.
  - That the Council be recommended to approve the revised Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles).

#### **Background**

3. The Council has in accordance with Section 153 of the Gambling Act 2005 prepared and published a Policy (Statement of Principles).
4. The Statement should include the principals the Council proposes to apply in exercising their functions under this Act whilst licensing premises and ensuring compliance with the Gaming Objectives.
5. The Gaming objectives are
  - A) Preventing gambling from being source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime
  - B) Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way

- C) Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling
6. In accordance with Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 the Council are required to review, revise as appropriate and publish any revision to its statement of principles every three years. The last review was completed in February 2019.
7. A review of the Council's current Statement of Principals has been undertaken and revisions are indicated within the draft document in *italics*. The revisions are summarised as follows:
- Page 4. Updated information in relation to current numbers of licenced premises in the borough.
  - Page 9. Additional matters that the council recommends should be addressed by an applicant in their local risk assessment produced in accordance with the revision of the Gambling Commissions Licence Conditions, Code of Practice, Social Responsibility Code (10.1.1)
  - Page 21. Part B (Consideration of Applications) Inclusion of a section in relation to Tracks and measures to be considered to meet the licensing objectives when considering applications.
8. A copy of the revised Statement of Principles is attached at Appendix A.
9. A period of consultation has taken place, the draft policy went out to consultation between 14th September 2021 and the 26th October 2021 a list of those consulted are shown at Appendix B.
10. The only response to the consultation was from the Police who stated they had no adverse comments to make and is attached at Appendix C.
11. The Licensing and Safety Committee considered this item at its meeting on 8th November 2021 and resolved: -
- That the responses to the consultation and review of the Council's Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles), be noted.
  - That the Cabinet and Council be recommended to approve the revised Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles).

## **Finance**

12. There are no financial implications to the Council.

## **Law**

13. Section 349 (3) of the Gambling Act 2005 requires the review to take place.

## **Risk Management**

14. There are no risk management implications.

## **Equality Impact**

15. This report takes into account the Council's policy on equal opportunities.

16. The Statement of Principles Policy will impact on children and young people through their attendance at licensed premises. There has been no consultation or involvement of children or young people in the development of this assessment.

## **Human Resources/Organisational Development**

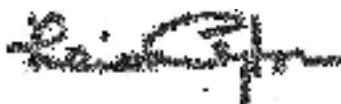
17. There are no human resources /organisational development implications.

## **Commercial/Procurement**

18. There are no commercial/procurement implications.

## **Council Priorities**

19. This application falls within the Council's responsibility for licensing as a direct link to the Council's key corporate priority to support stronger and safer communities.



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## **List of Background Papers**

Appendix A – Revised draft Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles)

Appendix B – List of those consulted

Appendix C – Response to consultation