

REPORT TO:	Licensing Committee
DATE:	20th September 2017
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SUBJECT:	Review – Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.2 To advise Members of the progress of the necessary review of the Council's Statement of Principles for the Gambling Act 2005.

2.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 In accordance with the Gambling Act 2005 the Council is required to review the Statement of Principles every three years.
- 2.2 A review of the current statement has been drafted and was placed before Members at their last Meeting in on 28th June.

3.0 POWER TO MAKE THE DECISION

- 3.1 Section 349 Gambling Act 2005

4.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 In determining the Statement of Principles, the Council is required to have regard to the licensing objectives of the Gambling Act 2005 and the Gambling Commission's 'Guidance to Licensing Authorities'.
- 4.2 The statutory licensing objectives are:
- Protecting children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling
 - Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime, and
 - Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way

4.3 The Statement of Principles has been developed by the six Licensing Authorities in North Wales, bringing consistency to matters relating to Gambling issues and functions.

5.0 OFFICER COMMENTS

5.1 At their Meeting on 28th June 2017, Members approved the draft policy and authorised officers to undertake consultation.

5.2 The following Responsible Authorities have been consulted:

- The Gambling Commission
- North Wales Police
- North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
- The Planning Authorities
- Environmental Health, Health and Safety and Trading Standards
- Children Services
- Her Majesties Revenue and Customs

5.3 In addition to the above, the policy is available on the Council's website for a period of six weeks.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 That Members consider the contents of this report and authorise Officers to continue work on the draft policy by compiling any responses received and present Members with a final version for their consideration at their next Meeting in December 2017.