

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Licensing Committee
<b>DATE:</b>	8 March 2018
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Gambling Act 2005 – Review of Statement of Principles

## 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.2 To present Members of the Licensing Committee with the final draft of the Council's Statement of Principles for the Gambling Act 2005.

## 2. 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 has been undertaken of the current Statement and a final version is attached at Appendix A to this report.

## 3. POWER TO MAKE THE DECISION

- 3.1 Section 349 Gambling Act 2005

## 4. 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. CONSULTATION**

5.1 At their meeting in September, 2017 Members authorised officers to continue with the required consultation by compiling any responses received and return to this Meeting with a final version for their approval.

5.2 This version has been subject to a full public consultation, including:

- 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 Majesty's Revenue and Customs
- Denbighshire County Councillors

5.2.1 Representatives of holders of Licences and Permits were also contacted and advised how to respond via the Council's website.

5.3 No responses were received as a result of the consultation.

## **6. CONSIDERATION**

6.1 Members are asked to consider adopting the presented version.

6.2 Despite the formatting being altered from our previous version, the Statement of Principles has not been significantly changed otherwise and, as such, will not require further approval from Full Council

## **7. RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 That Members agree to adopt the Statement of Principles as presented with an implementation date of 1 April 2018.