

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Licensing Committee
<b>DATE:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Gambling Act 2005 – Review of Statement of Principles

## **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To present Members of the Licensing Committee with the existing version of the Council's Statement of Principles, which was adopted and implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.
- 1.2 Following correspondence recently received from the Gambling Commission which directed all Licensing Authorities to review and adopt their Statement of Principles to come into effect from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019, it is necessary to request that Members consider re-adopting the Statement of Principles.

## **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 Members will recall that the current Statement of Principles was adopted as recently as 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018, with an implementation date of 1<sup>st</sup> April.
- 2.3 It is therefore considered that, as there have been no changes to the Statement of Principles, Members would consider re-adopting the existing Policy without the need for further consultation.

## **3. POWER TO MAKE THE DECISION**

- 3.1 Section 349 Gambling Act 2005

#### **4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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'.

4.1 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

4.2 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.

4.3 The Statement of Principles must be reviewed and published every 3 years in a specific timeframe. This next period runs from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

#### **5. CONSULTATION**

5.1 This version has already 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 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 prior to its adoption in April of this year and it is not considered that any amendments are necessary at this time.

## **6. CONSIDERATION**

- 6.1 Members are asked to consider re-adopting the presented version in accordance with the directive from the Gambling Commission without the need for further consultation in order to coincide with their timescale for review.
- 6.2 The Statement of Principles has not been 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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.