

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

14 JUNE 2018

REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek the Committee's approval to revise the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy and to begin the consultation process

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Gambling Act 2005 requires the Council to have in place a Policy relating to the carrying out of its functions under that Act. In respect of carrying out its duties the Council is required to adopt and have in place a Statement of Gambling Policy relating to those duties. The Policy sets out the principles which the Council will apply in considering and granting licences under the Act
- 2.2 The Act requires the policy to be reviewed every five years. The current policy was adopted in January 2013 and therefore needs to be reviewed before January 2019.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 There has been no fundamental changes to legislation that would require wholesale amendments the draft Statement of Gambling Policy. The Council is also required to formulate its Policy with reference to guidance issued by the Gambling Commission. This guidance has been amended and the draft Policy reflects these changes.
- 3.2 In order to achieve a level of consistency across the County the Nottinghamshire Authorities have been working together on a joint format for the Statement. Members will appreciate that the Councils across the County are different and therefore it is not always possible to have identical documents, however, wherever possible attempts have been made to apply consistent phraseology.
- 3.3 A copy of the 2019 draft Statement of Gambling Policy is attached as **Appendix One**. A large font has been used to identify where changes are proposed.
- 3.4 There have been no fundamental changes to any of the Policies previously agreed.
- 3.5 Any comments that the Members of the Committee wish to make before the Policy is sent out for consultation can be included in the proposed revision.

4.0 Proposals

- 4.1 It is proposed to undertake an extensive consultation exercise by directing organisations to the Council's website where a copy of the draft Policy will be posted. Printed copies will be available on request. It is proposed that the consultation period will last for a 10 weeks.

4.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee notes that the requirement that the Gambling Policy be reviewed and provides any additional comments that it would like to see in the draft Policy.

Background Papers

Nil

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