



Report to: General Purposes Committee Meeting – 12 September 2024

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Report Summary	
Report Title	Review of Statement of Gambling Policy Review
Purpose of Report	To present to Members the proposed review of the Statement of Gambling Policy prior to formal public consultation taking place.
Recommendations	That the General Purposes Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approve the draft revision of the Council’s Gambling Policy; b) put forward any suggested amendments; c) approve the commencement of the 6-week public consultation; and d) note that the final draft Policy, after public consultation, will be returned to this Committee for approval before adoption at full Council.
Reason for Recommendations	To ensure legal compliance with the Gambling Act 2005

1.0 Background & Introduction

1.1 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.

1.2 The Act requires the Policy to be reviewed every three years. The current Policy was adopted in January 2022 and therefore needs to be reviewed before January 2025.

1.3 There have been no fundamental changes to legislation that would require wholesale amendments to 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 not been amended and there are no changes to the draft Policy.

- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 A copy of the 2025 draft Statement of Gambling Policy is attached as **Appendix One**.
- 1.6 There have been no fundamental changes to any of the policies previously agreed.
- 1.7 Any comments that Members of the Committee wish to make before the Policy is sent out for consultation can be included in the proposed revision.

2.0 Proposals

- 2.1 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 six weeks.
- 2.2 The list on consultees is set out in Appendix One of the Policy. This includes the Responsible Authorities, gambling charities, trade organisations and premises holding a gambling licence within Newark & Sherwood.

3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection; Digital & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding & Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

Equalities Implications

An equalities impact assessment will be undertaken following the consultation period.

Digital Implications

There are no digital implications arising from this report

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.