

REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To seek the Committee's approval of the timetable associated with the review of the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy which the Council is required to review every three years under the Gambling Act 2005.

2.0 Background

2.1 The Council, as Licensing Authority under the Gambling Act 2005, is responsible for issuing premises licences for gambling premises, issuing permits in respect of gaming on licensed premises and for registering small society lotteries.

2.2 The Council only licences premises on which gambling is carried out, it does not licence the operators or the individuals concerned in carrying the business. These are licensed by the Gambling Commission and subject to stringent statutory controls.

2.3 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 those licences and permits. The original Policy was adopted in December 2006 to come into force on 31 January 2007. Since this time it has been reviewed every three years in line with the statutory requirements. The current Policy was adopted by the Council in January 2016.

2.4 The Act requires that the Policy be reviewed as required and at least every three years. Hence the need to review the policy this year so that it can be adopted by 31 January 2019.

2.5 A suggested timetable for the review and consultation process is set out below.

Action	Proposed Date
Prepare draft Statement of Policy and seek comments from General Purposes Committee	June 2016 – General Purposes Committee
Seek comments from interested parties	July, August, 2018
Report comments to General Purposes Committee and amend Policy if appropriate	October 2018 – General Purposes Committee
Present Draft Statement of Gambling Policy with Comments from General Purposes Committee	November 2018 - Policy and Finance Committee
Take Statement of Gambling Policy to full Council for adoption.	December 2018

2.6 It is proposed to undertake the consultation exercise by directing organisations to the pages on the Council's website where a copy of the draft Policy will be posted. Printed copies will be available on request.

2.7 A suggested list of consultees is shown below.

District Councillors
Directors
Betting Shops/Bookmakers
Bingo Halls
Amusement Arcades
Racing Tracks
Parish & Town Councils
Pub Watch
Nottinghamshire Police
Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue
Licensing Solicitors
Gamblers' Anonymous
NCC – Safeguarding Children's Board
Citizens' Advice Bureau
British Casino Association
Casino Operators Association of the U.K.
British Amusement Catering Trades Association
The Bingo Association
British Beer & Pub Association Midlands
Association of British Bookmakers
Gambling Commission
H.M. Revenues & Customs
Members of Parliament

3.0 Equalities Implications

3.1 As the draft Policy is developed all equalities implications will be identified and an equalities impact assessment will be undertaken and will accompany the draft policy when submitted to future Committees for consideration

4.0 RECOMMENDATION that:

- (a) the timetable for the review and consultation exercise for the Statement of Gambling Policy be approved; and,**
- (b) the list of consultees be approved, subject to any amendments or additions**

Background Papers

Gambling Act 2005

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