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Wards Affected	All	29 th November 2018	
Title	TO APPROVE THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY FOR ADOPTION BY COUNCIL		

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Mark Dearing

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To approve the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Gambling Policy for adoption by Council as required on a three yearly basis by Section 349 of the Act.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Gambling Act 2005 requires that a licensing authority shall before each successive period of three years—
- 2.2 (a) prepare a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under this Act during that period, and
- (b) publish the statement.
- 2.3 In determining its policy either at renewal or review preparing a statement or revision under this section a licensing authority shall consult—
- (a) the chief officer of police for the authority's area,
- (b) one or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the authority's area, and
- (c) one or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's functions under this Act.
- 2.4 The Statement of Gambling Policy describes in general terms how the local authority will deal with licensing matters within its area and is based on the current guidance supporting the legislation. In general the policy has not been changed except for the inclusion at Part B Section 11 of information on Local Risk Assessments by operators and minor updates to contact details in the appendices.
- 2.5 The Policy has been in operation with three yearly reviews since the Gambling Act 2005 came into effect and has to date successfully supported the operation of the licensing process.

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2.6 The document has been out to consultation as required by the Act and there were three responses. Details of the responses and the Authority's actions in relation to those responses are attached at **Appendix A**.

2.7 Once adopted the Policy will be in effect for 3 years but may be subject to further review should any evidence be put forward to suggest that the gambling licensing objectives are not being met in the area or in the event of further legislative changes.

2.8 The proposed Statement of Gambling Policy is attached as **Appendix B**.

3. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT

3.1 As stated at paragraph 2.3, the Authority is legally required to consult with the parties identified in the Act and a consultation process took place between 24th September 2018 and 5th November 2018.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Policy must be adopted before 31st December 2018 to allow time for it to be published prior to taking effect on 31st January 2019. Regulations to the Act require that the statement must be published by being made available for a period of at least 4 weeks before the date on which it will come into effect.

5. FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6. RECOMMENDATION

The Head of Public Services recommends that the Statement of Licensing Policy as presented at Appendix B is referred to Council for adoption with effect from 31st January 2019.

Background Papers:
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