

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To inform members of the Licensing Committee of the need to produce a new Licensing Policy in respect to the Gambling Act 2005 and provide members the opportunity to consider and comment on the content of the draft new policy.

2 Recommendations

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| 2.1 For Members to note the need to produce a new policy in respect to the Gambling Act 2005 and to have the opportunity to consider and comment on the content of the draft new policy. |
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3 Supporting information

- 3.1 Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 requires all licensing authorities to prepare and publish a statement of principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under the Act. The statement of principles or licensing policy must be reviewed and republished every three years. The Council's policy is now due for revision and a new version must be published in January 2019.
- 3.2 The policy must be produced following consultation with a number of prescribed bodies and persons. Regulations also prescribe the general content of the policy and the procedure to be followed in relation to their formulation, adoption and publication.
- 3.3 The draft new policy contains a number of proposed revisions. The main change relates to the preparation and publication of a Local Area Profile. The content in the sections referring to risk assessments and licensing objectives has also been expanded upon. Finally there have been some minor changes to other sections with the policy.
- 3.4 It is intended to circulate the draft new policy widely as part of the consultation process. It is proposed that the Licensing Service will run the consultation for 8 weeks between 9 July and 31 August 2018. An update on responses to the consultation will be presented to the Licensing Committee at the meeting on 10 September 2018.
- 3.5 In accordance with legal provisions, final approval of the policy must be dealt with by Full Council. It is intended that following consultation, the new policy will be presented to the Environment and Living Scrutiny for comment on 25 September 2018, prior to referral to Full Council for adoption on 24 October 2018.

4 Options considered

- 4.1 None – as this is a statutory function with little discretion as to how the Council can proceed.

5 Reasons for Recommendation

- 5.1 This is a statutory requirement.

6 Resource implications

6.1 Limited resource implications dealt with by licensing income.

7 Response to Key Aims and Objectives

7.1 Supports business and local communities.

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Background Documents	Gambling Act 2005, Gambling Commission Guidance to Licensing Authorities.