

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<i>Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles - 2018 Revision</i>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<i>Cabinet Portfolio: Healthy Communities</i>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet of the final revised draft Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles, and to request that it is recommended to Council for adoption to come into effect on 31 January 2019.

### RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council be recommended to adopt the draft Statement of Principles at its meeting on Tuesday 14 November 2018 for publication at least 4 weeks prior to coming into effect for the period 31 January 2019 to 30 January 2022.**

## 2. Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 The recommendation is in line with the legal requirements for the correct process for the required review and adoption of the Statement of Principles.
- 2.2 The adoption of the revised Statement of Principles is a shared function under the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended) and therefore Cabinet must be asked to consider the draft Statement of Principles and to recommend to Council that it be adopted.

## 3. Content of Report

- 3.1 The Council has a statutory requirement to review its adopted Statement of Principles every 3 years. The Licensing Committee agreed the draft reviewed Statement of Principles prior to a consultation being completed, and the result of the consultation was reported to the Licensing Committee on 26 September 2018. The Committee noted the responses received and some minor amendments proposed by Officers were agreed. Further amendments were also agreed to correct the list of consultees that forms part of draft Statement of Principles. A copy of the final draft Statement of Principles is attached to this report in Appendix 1.

## 4. Consultation

- 4.1 The draft Statement of Principles was subject to a six week consultation period following agreement by the Licensing Committee at its meeting on 21 June 2018. During the

consultation period, three responses were received which were subsequently considered by the Licensing Committee at its meeting on 26 September 2018.

## **5. Options**

- 5.1 Members can recommend adoption of the draft Statement of Principles with or without modification having duly considered the information provided in this report and the matters already considered by the Licensing Committee.

## **6. Corporate Implications**

### 6.1 Legal and Financial

The revision of the Statement of Principles is a statutory function and must be undertaken every 3 years. The costs in carrying out the revision, including the consultation process, will be covered by the Gambling Act 2005 fees. There will be no income generated by the revision of the existing Statement of Principles.

## **7. Links to Council Policy Objectives**

- 7.1 The licensing of gambling premises and the adoption of a Statement of Principles in respect of this activity contributes towards the Council's Corporate Plan Key Theme 2 of working towards safe and healthier local communities. Properly controlling and regulating gambling activities will assist in ensuring that levels of crime and disorder remain low and appropriate well run gambling premises can contribute towards the local economy.

<http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/Aims-and-Objectives>

## **8. Next Step**

The next steps will be as stated in the recommendation.

<b>Background Papers:</b>	None other than those referred to in this report.
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