
**Meeting of the Licensing and Safety Committee - 8th
November 2021**

Report of the Acting Director of Public Realm.

Review of the Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles)

Purpose

1. For the committee to review and consider the responses to the consultation of the Council's Gambling Policy (Statement of principles).

Recommendation

2. That the committee consider the responses to the consultation and review the Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles) in respect of the Gambling Act 2005.
3. That, subject to approval, the revised Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles) be submitted to the Cabinet and to full Council for final determination.

Background

4. The Gambling Act 2005 requires the Council to undertake a review of its Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles) every three years.
5. The current Policy was approved by Council on 18th February 2019.
6. The Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles) includes how the authority licence operates and ensure compliance with the Gaming Objectives.
7. The Gaming objectives are
 - A) Preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime
 - B) Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
 - C) Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling
8. A copy of the revised draft Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles) is attached at Appendix A.
9. The draft policy went out to consultation between 14th September 2021 and the 26th October 2021. A list of those that have been consulted with is attached at Appendix B.

10. Responses have been received from West Midlands Police and are attached at Appendix C.

Finance

11. There are no financial implications to the Council.

Law

12. Section 349 (3) of the Gambling Act 2005 requires the review to take place.

Risk Management

13. There are no risk management implications.

Equality Impact

14. This report takes into account the Council's policy on equal opportunities.
15. The Statement of Principles Policy will impact on children and young people through their attendance at licensed premises. There has been no consultation or involvement of children or young people in the development of this assessment.

Human Resources/Organisational Development

16. There are no human resources /organisational development implications.

Commercial/Procurement

17. There are no commercial/procurement implications.

Council Priorities

18. This application falls within the Council's responsibility for licensing as a direct link to the Council's key corporate priority that safety matters.



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List of Background Papers

- Appendix A – Revised draft Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles)
Appendix B – List of those consulted
Appendix C – Response to consultation