

Report to the Council

Committee: Licensing

Date: 20 December 2016

Committee Chairman: Councillor B Surtees

Recommending:

(1) That the statement of principles made under the Gambling Act 2005 attached as an Appendix to this report, be adopted.

GAMBLING ACT 2005 – PERIODIC REVISION OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

1. The Gambling Act 2005 modernised the legislation governing gambling by creating a single regulatory body, the Gambling Commission, and giving responsibility for licensing premises where gambling takes place to local authorities. Periodically Licensing Authorities must revisit their Statement of Principles to see if they remain fit for purpose in the light of any new guidance or developments.
2. The Gambling Commission were due to publish revised guidance to Local Authorities at the end of 2015 however this did not happen until early 2016.
3. At their meeting in October of last year the Licensing Committee agreed that following the publication of the guidance officers would update and circulate the revised policy to members individually prior to undertaking a full consultation with interested parties.
4. The consultation was carried and no comments of a substantial nature were received.
5. The adoption of the statement of principles is a function reserved to the full Council but the functions set out in the statement or principles are delegated to the Licensing Committee.
6. In order to comply with the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005, the Council is asked to adopt the attached statement of principles.