

**TO: LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
8 OCTOBER 2015**

**REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF GAMBLING PRINCIPLES
Chief Officer: Environment and Public Protection**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Bracknell Forest Council's Statement of Gambling Principles ('Statement') under the Gambling Act 2005 must undergo a review and be re-published by 31 January 2016.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to bring the revised Statement, following consultation, to the Committee for comment prior to approval by Council on 20 January 2016.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Committee, subject to any further comments, approves the revised Statement at Annex A to go forward to Council on 20 January 2016.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 requires all licensing authorities to prepare and publish a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under the Act. The Statement will last for a maximum of three years and can be reviewed and revised by the authority at any time. The present Statement was published on 31 January 2013 and therefore must undergo a review and be re-published on or before 31 January 2016.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 There are no alternative options as the revision of the Statement is a legal requirement.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Statement must be produced following consultation with those bodies and persons set out in subsection (3) of section 349. This includes the Chief Officer of Police, persons who represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the area and persons who represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's functions under the Act. The views of all consultees should be given appropriate weight when the Statement is determined.
- 5.2 The consultation was carried out on the Council's public consultation portal from August to October. In addition, a working group was set up with members from this Committee. At the time of writing this report, one response has been received to the consultation and this is attached at Annex B. Should any further responses be received between the publication of this report and the Committee, these shall be circulated at the meeting for consideration.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

6.1 The legal implications are identified within the report.

Borough Treasurer

6.2 There are no significant financial implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

Equalities Impact Assessment

6.3 There are no implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

6.4 There are no implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 The Chief Officer of Police, persons who carry on gambling businesses in the area and local residents.

Method of Consultation

7.2 The consultation was carried out on the Council's public consultation portal from August to October.

Representations Received

7.3 One response received from Ladbrokes plc.

Background Papers

None

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