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| REPORT TO: | Licensing Committee |
| REPORT NO: | HEP/93/18 |
| DATE: | 26 November 2018 |
| REPORTING OFFICER: | Head of Environment and Planning |
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| SUBJECT: | Draft Statement of Gambling Policy |
| WARD: | N/A |

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform Members of the Committee of the Draft Statement of Gambling Policy which will be considered by the Council on 12 December 2018.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The local authority is required to develop, consult on, produce and periodically review its Statement of Gambling Policy with regard to how the authority exercises its functions in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005.
- 2.2 A review has taken place of Gambling Policies across North Wales in partnership with other licensing authorities.
- 2.3 A consultation has taken place with the relevant bodies and interested parties.
- 2.4 It is not a statutory requirement for the Licensing Committee to consider this document, however Members may wish to consider the document for information and may make recommendations if necessary.
- 2.5 The Draft Statement of Gambling Policy is attached as **Appendix A**.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 **That Members are aware of the Draft Statement of Gambling Policy being considered by the Council.**

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) That Members are aware of licensing matters proceeding for Council consideration.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 The local authority is required to develop, consult on, produce and periodically review its Statement of Gambling Policy with regard to how the authority exercises its functions in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005.
- 4.2 A review has taken place of Gambling Policies across North Wales in partnership with other licensing authorities. The North Wales Licensing Group is made up of licensing authority representatives from the six Councils of North Wales, ie Wrexham, Flintshire, Denbighshire, Conwy, Gwynedd and Ynys Mon. The group has collaborated on the joint Draft Statement of Gambling Policy. The purpose of the collaboration was to achieve consistency across the region.
- 4.3 A consultation has taken place with the relevant bodies and interested parties.
- 4.4 The policy includes a new section referring to the Social Responsibility Code and Local Risk Assessments.
- 4.5 The Gambling Commission responded to the consultation and contributed to the content (Paragraph 8.5.6).

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Policy Framework** – This proposal contributes to the Council strategic themes of E2 – Businesses can locate and grow here, PE2 – Children and young people are safeguarded, PE3 – People feel, and are, safe and secure.
- 5.2 **Budget** – The document does not affect fees and charges for licences and permits.
- 5.3 **Legal** – The development and consultation process has been followed in accordance with statutory requirements.
- 5.4 **Staffing** – No staffing considerations.
- 5.5 **Equality/Human Rights** – Members are advised of their duty to consider the full Equality Impact Assessment which is available at <http://vmwinsqld/equalityisalive/Menu.aspx> report number (EP/EIA00098/2018). Members of the public can request a copy of the full Equality Impact Assessment from the Contact Officer named in the header box of this report. A summary of the Equality Impact Assessment is attached as **Appendix B**.
- 5.6 **Risks** - No risks identified.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 A consultation took place in October 2018, the consultation advertised the Draft Policy document and invited parties to make representations.

6.2 The Act requires licensing authorities to consult with the following on their Statement of Policy or any subsequent revision:

- The Chief Officer of Police for the authority's area.
- One or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the authority's area.
- One or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's functions under the Act.

6.3 In addition the authority consulted with the public as a whole, all holders of a Gambling Licence or permit, the Public Health Authority, Gambling Addiction Support Agencies and the Gambling Commission.

6.4 During consultation, the Gambling Commission recommended the addition of the information included at paragraph 8.5.6. No other representations were received.

| BACKGROUND PAPERS | LOCATION | WEBSITE INFO |
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| None | | |