

Meeting: Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

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Title: Draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling) 2019-2022

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Service: Environment, Housing and Leisure

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides details of the initial proposals in respect of the draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling) 2019 - 2022. The Statement of Policy (Gambling) forms part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

The Committee are invited to consider these initial proposals, approved by Cabinet on 14 May 2018 and provide any comments or recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Engagement, to be taken into account in formulating the final Policy.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is invited to:

- a) Note the review of the Statement of Policy (Gambling) detailed in this report;
- b) Consider the initial proposals in respect of the Statement of Policy (Gambling) 2019 – 2022 attached at **Appendix 1** to this report and
- c) Provide any comments or recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Engagement to consider as appropriate.

3. Details

On 14 May 2018 Cabinet received a report from the Head of Housing, Environment and Leisure in relation to the draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling) that must be published by the Council as a Licensing Authority under Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 and be in force by the 31 January 2019. The revised Policy will replace the existing Policy that came into force on the 31 January 2016.

The draft Policy statement will be subject to a 6 week period of consultation commencing on 1 June 2018 and ending on 13 July 2018. The 6 week period of consultation is considered appropriate for a document that forms part of the Authority's policy

framework. Members of the public, members of the trade all North Tyneside MPs, MEPs, Councillors have an opportunity of commenting on the draft Policy statement.

As the Statement of Policy (Gambling) forms part of the Council's Policy Framework the process set out in the Council's Constitution for the preparation, consideration and approval of such plans must be followed. With that in mind, the initial proposals were presented to Cabinet on 14 May 2015. This Committee is now being presented with the initial proposals and final proposals will be presented to this Committee as required. Thereafter, the final proposals will be presented to Cabinet on 15 October 2018 together with any comments from this Committee and details of any consultation responses and then Council on the 22 November 2018.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling)

4. Background Information

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report:

Gambling Act 2005

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2005/19/contents>

Gambling Commission's Guidance issued under section 25 of the Gambling Act 2005

<http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/for-licensing-authorities/GLA/Guidance-to-licensing-authorities.aspx>

The Gambling Act 2005 (Licensing Authority Policy Statement)(England and Wales) Regulations 2006

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2006/636/contents/made>

The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities)(England) Regulations 2000 (as amended)

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2000/2853/contents/made>

Cabinet report 14 May 2018

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