

GAMBLING ACT 2005 – STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY

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Portfolio: Safer Communities

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To advise Members of the updated draft Gambling Policy as agreed by the Licensing Committee on 22nd October 2015.

Recommendations

(a) That the revised Gambling Policy be adopted.

Reasons

Under section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 the Council has a statutory duty to review its Gambling statement set out in the Gambling Policy before the end of December 2015.

1. GAMBLING ACT 2005 – STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY

Background

Under section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 the statutory period for licensing policies is 3 years with the first period starting on 31 January 2007. The Council therefore has a statutory duty to review its Gambling statement set out in the Gambling Policy before the end of December 2015.

In preparing a statement for revision the Council must consult:

- 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 Gambling Act

Issues

The consultation period ended on 23rd October 2015 and the Council received a total of 3 responses which are attached to this report. The responses were considered by the Licensing Committee on 22nd October 2015 and the Policy has been updated accordingly.

3. Legal and Statutory Implications

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4. List of Appendices

Appendix A: Draft Gambling Policy 2015

Appendix B: Consultation Responses

5. Background Papers

Newcastle under Lyme Gambling Policy 2012