

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CORPORATE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S  
REPORT TO**

**Council**  
**20 November 2024**

**Report Title:** Gambling Act 2005 – Review of Statement of Licensing Policy

**Submitted by:** Chief Executive

**Portfolios:** Finance, Town Centre & Growth

**Ward(s) affected:** All

<b><u>Purpose of the Report</u></b>	<b><u>Key Decision</u></b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
To adopt an updated Gambling Licensing Policy			
<b><u>Recommendation</u></b>			
That Council adopts the updated Gambling Licensing Policy appended to this Report, as recommended by the Licensing and Public Protection Committee.			
<b><u>Reasons</u></b>			
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 every 3 years.			

1. **Background**

1.1 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 every 3 years. The latest update is required to be published by 3 January 2025 and in force by 21 January 2025. The policy was considered by the Licensing and Public Protection Committee on 29 October 2024 which resolved to recommend to Council the adoption of the attached revised policy. The policy and the report to Committee are attached.

2. **Issues**

2.1 See attached report.

3. **Recommendation**

3.1 That Council adopts the updated Gambling Licensing Policy appended to this Report, as recommended by the Licensing and Public Protection Committee.

4. **Reasons**

4.1 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 every 3 years.

5. **Options Considered**
  - 5.1 See attached report.
6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**
  - 6.1 See attached report.
7. **Equality Impact Assessment**
  - 7.1 See attached report.
8. **Financial and Resource Implications**
  - 8.1 See attached report.
9. **Major Risks**
  - 9.1 See attached report.
10. **UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)**
  - 10.1 See attached report.
11. **Key Decision Information**
  - 11.1 This is not a Key Decision
12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**
  - 12.1 See attached report.
13. **List of Appendices**
  - 13.1 See attached report.
14. **Background Papers**
  - 14.1 See attached report.