

**REPORT FROM: PLANNING, BUILDING CONTROL AND LICENSING SERVICES MANAGER**

**TO: LICENSING COMMITTEE**

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## **GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF POLICY**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To consider the draft report on the Council's Gambling Statement of Policy.
2. To agree the content of the Statement of Policy for Public Consultation.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Committee agrees the draft Statement in order for it to be consulted on.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

In order that Pendle has an up to date Gambling Statement of Policy to comply with the Gambling Act 2005.

### **ISSUE**

1.1 Under the provisions of section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 Pendle is obliged to have in place a Statement of Policy for their Gambling functions.

1.2 The Statement sets out the approach that the Council, as the Licensing Authority, will have for dealing with all the gambling related tasks it undertakes. The gambling statement has to be renewed every 3 years and this statement needs to be in place by January 2019.

1.3 The statement is heavily influenced by (a) the complex legislation that governs the licensing activities associated with gambling and (b) the statutory guidance offered by the Gambling Commission, to Licensing Authorities, under Section 25 of the Gambling Act 2005.

1.4 Once the content of the draft statement has been agreed there will then be a 6 weeks consultation period before the policy is referred back to this Committee and then to Council on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy:** The Council must adopt a statement in order to comply with the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005.

**Financial:** None arising directly from the report.

**Legal:** None arising directly from the report.

**Risk Management:** None arising directly from the report.

**Health and Safety:** None arising directly from the report.

**Sustainability:** None arising directly from the report.

**Community Safety:** The statement refers to measures that operators of gambling premises will need to have in place to ensure that children and other vulnerable people are protected from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

**Equality and Diversity:** None arising directly from the report.

## **APPENDICES**

1. Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Policy 2019 to 2022

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None