



<b>Licensing and Regulatory Committee</b>	<b>Thursday, 18 September 2025</b>	<b>Matter for Information and Decision</b>
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**Report Title:** **Statement of Gambling Policy (2025-2028)**

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<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	To consider the draft Statement of Gambling Policy (2025-2028) ("the Policy") so the final document can be considered at Full Council on 9 December 2025.
<b>Report Summary:</b>	The current Policy expires in 2025, and it is essential that this is refreshed and updated to ensure the effective ongoing regulation of gambling. An updated draft version is attached at <b>Appendix 1</b> which is currently out to consultation, and this gives a framework that applicants can use when formulating an application as well as giving an overview of how the Council will determine applications.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	<p><b>A. That the Draft Statement of Gambling Policy (2025-2028) be approved and its adoption recommended to Full Council subject to any amendments arising from the consultation process; and</b></p> <p><b>B. That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer to consider any other amendments as may be necessary in consultation with the Chair of Licensing &amp; Regulatory Committee.</b></p>
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<b>Strategic Objectives:</b>	Our Communities (SO2) Our Economy (SO3)
<b>Vision and Values:</b>	Customer & Community Focused (V1)
<b>Report Implications:-</b>	
<b>Legal:</b>	Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 imposes a statutory requirement on the Council (as the Licensing Authority) to prepare and publish a 'Statement of Principles' (known as a Policy) once every three years. Following public consultation, any amendments to the Policy are required to be considered at this Committee and then approved by Full Council. Section 349(2) of the Gambling Act 2005

	allows the Licensing Authority to review its Statement/Policy from time to time. The Gambling Act 2005 (Licensing Authority Policy Statement) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 sets out the legal requirement and procedure for drafting and preparing the Statement/Policy and any revisions to this which must be considered and adhered to.
Financial:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Regulatory Governance (CR6) Reputation Damage (CR4)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	Gambling Act 2005 applications and notifications are not assessed based on the characteristics of the applicant; they are issued in accordance with the law and depend on the application being correctly submitted.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.
<b>Statutory Officers' Comments:-</b>	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
<b>Consultees:</b>	As detailed in Appendix 2 of the draft Statement of Gambling Policy (2025-2028).
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None.
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>1. Draft Statement of Gambling Policy (2025-2028)</b>

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Under section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act), Licensing Authorities are required to prepare and publish a policy which they intend to apply when exercising their functions under the Act.

## 2. Policy Review

- 2.1 The Act requires the Council to review such policies every three years. The current policy has been reviewed and updated, and a draft is provided at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 There has been very little in the way of major reviews of the legislation since the start of the current policy and consequently the draft policy is fundamentally unchanged. The main changes are therefore focused on local information and the local area profile of gambling premises.
- 2.3 The Act requires that the proposed Policy is subject to wide consultation. Consultation therefore commenced on 27 August 2025 for four weeks, ending on 10 October 2025.
- 2.4 Should any representations be made after the consultation is closed, it is proposed they

are resolved by delegated authority.

- 2.5 The final draft of the Policy will be taken to Council on 9 December 2025 for approval. Once approved it must be published four weeks prior to coming into force.