

REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR  
ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT AND CABINET

GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES 2013-2016

**EXEMPT INFORMATION**

Nil

**PURPOSE**

To seek Council approval of Tamworth's Statement of Policy under the Gambling Act 2005.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That Council adopt the Statement of Policy.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Prior to the implementation of the Gambling Act 2005, Tamworth published a statement of policy which, following widespread consultation, was subsequently adopted by the Council in January 2010. There is a requirement, however, under the Act for this policy to be reviewed every 3 years.

The review of the Policy was undertaken earlier this year using Gambling Commission guidance which is considered best practice for licensing authorities. The consultation included all relevant responsible authorities and interested parties including licence holders, residents and other interested bodies. No responses to the consultation were received.

Licensing Committee considered the Policy at its meeting on 8 August 2013 and Cabinet endorsed the proposed Statement of Policy on 24 October 2013.

The consultation has provided opportunity for all stakeholders and interested parties to assist in determining the Council's policy in respect of the Gambling Act. The final version of the Statement of Policy is attached as **Appendix 1 to this report**.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

**LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND**

The publishing of a Statement of Principles is a legal obligation of the Council.

Reputation – The implementation and enforcement of the Gambling legislation will enhance the Council's reputation.

Community Safety - (Crime and Disorder Act 1998). The objectives of the Gambling Act seek to ensure that communities are protected from unfair trading, crime and disorder and that vulnerable people and children are not exploited in any way by gambling.

Equality & Diversity – None, this report has been prepared having regard to the Council's Diversity and Equality Policies and Consultation requirements are set out in the report.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

The services for the regulation of Gambling contribute to the strategic priority of being healthier and safer in Tamworth.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. Guidance to Licensing Authorities, Gambling Commission, April 2012.

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil

#### **APPENDICES**

1. Proposed Statement of Principles 2013 - 2016.