

Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Title: **Gambling Act 2005 Draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling)**

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Service: Consumer Protection/Licensing

Directorate: Regeneration, Development and Regulatory Services

Wards affected : All

1.0 Purpose of Report

The Committee are invited to consider the information provided by the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services in relation to the draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling).

2.0 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to consider the draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling), and if necessary, make recommendations and observations to Councillor G Westwater, the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services on the draft Policy.

3.0 Details

In September 2012 Cabinet received a report from the Head of Regeneration, Development and Regulatory Services in relation to the draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling) that must be published by the Council as a Licensing Authority under Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 and in force by the 31 January 2013. The revised Policy will replace the existing Policy that came into force on the 31 January 2010.

The draft Policy statement has been the subject of a 12 week period of consultation which commenced on 21 May 2012 and ended on 10 August 2012. The period of consultation is in line with best practice as set out by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. Members of the public, all North Tyneside MPs, MEPs, Councillors and

Strategic Directors have an opportunity of commenting on the draft Policy statement.

As the Statement of Policy (Gambling) forms part of the Council's Policy Framework the process set out in the Council's Constitution for the preparation, consideration and approval of such plans must be followed. With that in mind, the initial proposals were presented to Cabinet on 10 September 2012. This Committee is now being presented with the initial proposals and final proposals will be presented to this Committee on 5 November 2012. Thereafter, the final proposals will be presented to Cabinet on 12 November 2012 together with any comments from this Committee before the draft Policy is then put before Council on 29 November 2012.

4.0 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Report to Cabinet 10 September 2012

Appendix 2 – Draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling)

Appendix 3 – Policy Amendments Log

5.0 Background Information

The following background papers have been used in the compilation of this report and are available for inspection at the offices of the author of this report.

- Minutes of Cabinet – 10 September 2012
- Gambling Act 2005
- Gambling Commission's Guidance issued under Section 25 of the Gambling Act 2005
- The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities)(England) Regulations 2000
- The Gambling Act 2005 (Licensing Authority Policy Statement)(England and Wales) Regulations 2006