

Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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

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Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides Committee with an update on the preparation of the North Tyneside Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling).

2. Recommendations

The Committee is asked to consider the draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling), and if necessary, make recommendations and observations to Cabinet.

3. Details

On 1 June 2015 this Committee received a report in relation to the draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling). This Policy 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 2016. The revised Policy will replace the existing Policy that came into force on the 31 January 2013.

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 11 May 2015. This Committee was then presented with the initial proposals on 1 June 2015. The final proposals are now presented to this Committee. The final proposals will be presented to Cabinet on 9 November 2015 together with any comments from this Committee together with details of the consultation responses before being presented to Council on the 19 November 2015.

A 12 week period of consultation was carried out from 18 May 2015 until 10 August 2015. Members of the public, all North Tyneside MPs, MEPs, Councillors and Heads of Service have had an opportunity of commenting on the draft Policy statement.

A member working party will meet on 30 September 2015 to consider the 20 responses received. Should any further amendments be made to the Policy they will be reported to this Committee as an addendum report.

One of the suggested amendments to the draft Policy from this Committee at the meeting on 1 June 2015 was to include details of what aspects of gambling was not under the control of the Authority. This has been included at section 1.2, page 5 of the draft Policy. This Committee also requested details of the organisations with responsibility for young people that were involved in the consultation process. A list of such organisations will appear in the draft Policy.

Any other observations or comments that this Committee may have will be forwarded to Cabinet for consideration.

4, Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Report to Cabinet 11 May 2015

Appendix 2 – Draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling)

5. Background Information

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report and may be inspected at the offices of the author.

- Minutes of Cabinet – 11 May 2015
- Minutes of O & S - 1 June 2015
- Gambling Act 2005
- Gambling Commission's Guidance to Licensing Authorities (4th Edition) 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
- The Gambling Commission Guidance to Licensing Authorities (5th Edition Consultation Document)
- Consultation responses