

 Licensing and Regulatory Committee 29th May 2018		Agenda Item No. 8
Title	Statutory Review of the WDC Gambling Policy	
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Wards of the District directly affected	All wards	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?	No	
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	N/A	
Background Papers	None	

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	No
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	Yes (not yet known)
Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken	Yes

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	14.05.18	Andrew Jones
Head of Service		Marianne Rolfe
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Monitoring Officer		
Finance		
Portfolio Holder(s)		Cllr Andrew Thompson
Consultation & Community Engagement		
Proposed public consultation from 2 nd July 2018 to 19 th August 2018 (7 weeks).		
Final Decision?	No	
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		
Results of public consultation and draft Gambling Policy will be returned to this committee on 24 th September 2018 and if supported the amendments will be considered by the Full Council on 14 th November 2018.		

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee of the statutory requirement to review the Gambling Policy and to inform them of the proposed schedule for meeting our legal requirements.
- 1.2 This report sets out the new Gambling Policy/Statement of Principles to the Committee.
- 1.3 The report highlights the changes between the current policy and the proposed policy.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Licensing and Regulatory Committee supports the proposals to hold a public consultation on the revised policy document between 2nd July 2018 and 19th August 2018.

3. Reasons for the Recommendation

- 3.1 The Licensing Authority is required by the Gambling Act 2005 to review its Statement of Principles every three years.
- 3.3 The changes to the policy are minimal and are designed to reflect the Authority's current approach to the Gambling Regime in terms of the unique character of the district and the application of generic legislation.
- 3.4 The current Policy is attached at **Appendix 1** and the reviewed Policy is attached at **Appendix 2**.

4. Policy Framework

4.1 Fit for the Future (FFF)

The FFF Strategy has 3 strands – People, Services and Money and each has an external and internal element to it. The table below illustrates the impact of this proposal if any in relation to the Council's FFF Strategy.

FFF Strands		
People	Services	Money
External		
Health, Homes, Communities	Green, Clean, Safe	Infrastructure, Enterprise, Employment
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Improved health for all Housing needs for all met Impressive cultural and sports activities Cohesive and active communities	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Area has well looked after public spaces All communities have access to decent open space Improved air quality Low levels of crime and ASB	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Dynamic and diverse local economy Vibrant town centres Improved performance/productivity of local economy Increased employment and income levels
Impacts of Proposal		

None	The gambling policy recognises that residents within, and visitors to the District, need a safe environment to live, work and visit; and that safe and well run gambling premises are important to the wellbeing of any person within the District.	None
Internal		
Effective Staff	Maintain or Improve Services	Firm Financial Footing over the Longer Term
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> All staff are properly trained All staff have the appropriate tools All staff are engaged, empowered and supported The right people are in the right job with the right skills and right behaviours	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Focusing on our customers' needs Continuously improve our processes Increase the digital provision of services	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Better return/use of our assets Full Cost accounting Continued cost management Maximise income earning opportunities Seek best value for money
Impacts of Proposal		
None	None	None

4.2 Supporting Strategies

Each strand of the FFF Strategy has several supporting strategies. The Gambling Policy/Statement of Principles, provide guidance, consistency, best practices, transparency, proportionality and promotes safety and wellbeing to the community. This contributes to the Council's strategy of making Warwick District a great place to live, work and visit.

The policy outlines the way in which this Authority will assist in preventing gambling from being a source of crime. It highlights the procedures for enforcement protocols and best practices, and promotes working in partnership with the Gambling Commission, Responsible Authorities and Operators, and ensures that the licencing objectives are met.

4.3 Impact Assessments

An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out. It is consistent with the Council's duty under the Equality Act 2010.

5. Budgetary Framework

- 5.1 The recommendations do not impact on the budgetary framework or the budget set for the Council. Costs for the administration of this function are covered within the budget of the Council.

6. Risks

6.1 It is a legal requirement to review the Gambling Policy every three years, not to carry out the review could lead to legal challenge.

8. **Background**

8.1 Warwick District Council s current Statement of Gambling Policy was adopted in January 2016 for a period of 3 years.

8.2 It is a legal requirement to review the Gambling Policy every three years.

8.3 The review of the current Gambling Policy has been undertaken with due regard to current Gambling Commission guidance, the Gambling Act 2005 and in consultation with neighbouring Licensing Authorities to ensure consistency across Warwickshire.