

REPORT TO: Regulatory Committee
DATE: 6 October 2021
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director Enterprise Community & Resources
PORTFOLIO: Resources
SUBJECT: Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Gambling Policy
WARDS: Boroughwide

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To approve a draft Statement of Gambling Policy for recommendation to full Council for adoption.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:-

- (1) Having undertaken a consultation exercise the draft Statement of Gambling Policy as amended be approved by the Committee and be recommended to full Council for adoption.**
- (2) An appropriate form of wording for the Council resolution would be: “The Council:**
 - (1) adopts the Statement of Gambling Policy attached to the report to come into effect immediately following the expiry of the current Policy; and**
 - (2) directs that the OD-LD publishes the Statement in accordance with section 349 Gambling Act 2005 and the Gambling Act 2005 (Licensing Authority Policy Statement) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006.”**

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 At its meeting held on 30 June 2021 the Committee considered a report on the Statement of Gambling Policy which must be adopted by the Council to replace the current policy which will expire in January 2022. The current Statement of Gambling Policy is due to expire at midnight on 30th January 2022 and the new Statement of Gambling Policy must be in place on 31st January 2022.
- 3.2 The Committee authorised the Operational Director Legal and Democratic Services (OD-LD) to undertake a consultation exercise in respect of the Council’s Statement of Gambling Policy in accordance with section 349 Gambling Act 2005.
- 3.3 The consultation exercise was completed on 31 August 2021 and no responses were received
- 3.4 The original consultation draft Statement is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.5 The appropriate Council meeting to consider this matter will be held on 8 December 2021

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Once it comes into effect, the Statement of Gambling Policy will be used in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no other implications arising out of this report.

6 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCILS PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

The Council's Statement of Gambling Policy operates under a separate statutory code but since it involves licensable activities it is designed to contribute to licensing objective of the protection of children from harm.

6.2 Employment Learning and Skills in Halton

N/A

6.3 A healthy Halton

N/A

6.4 A Safer Halton

N/A

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

N/A

7 RISK ANALYSIS

N/A

8 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

N/A

9. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

This report is based on the Gambling Act 2005. See also the Council's existing Statement of Gambling Policy.