

# **HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Licensing Committee**

**24 October 2024**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Gambling Policy (Consultation) 2025-2028</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR:</b>	<b>Councillor Fiona Sloman - Executive Councillor for Housing and Licensing</b>
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<b>WARDS INVOLVED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>

### **Appendix 1 – Gambling Act 2005 – Draft Statement of Principles 2025-2028**

#### **1. Reason for the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ensure that the Council complies with its legal obligations as set out by the Gambling Act 2005 which requires that the Council must consult and publish a revised Statement of Principles every 3 years.
- 1.2 A consultation exercise is scheduled to start in November 2024 for a period of 8 weeks. After the consultation is completed, the revised Statement will be brought back with any comments to the committee in early 2025, for members to recommend to Full Council for approval.

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Committee agrees to the consultation period of 8 weeks, commencing in November 2024, on the Draft Statement of Principles attached at Appendix 1.

#### **3. Executive Summary**

- 3.1 Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 requires that the Council, as a licensing Authority, prepares and publishes a Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 every three years. The Council's Statement of Principles is due for renewal in 2025. The Statement will last for a 3 year period but may be reviewed at any time prior to this by the authority.

3.2 It is a further requirement of the Act that a revised policy must be approved at a Full Council meeting of the Council. Such approval cannot be granted until consultation has been undertaken with a range of statutory bodies defined by the Act.

3.3 The proposed revised Draft Statement of Principles is attached at Appendix 1. No substantive amendments are proposed to the current Statement, the minor amendments that are recommended are highlighted in red in the documents.

#### 4. **How this report links to Corporate Priorities**

4.1 Aim 1 Supporting our communities to create a healthier and safer High Peak.

#### 5. **Alternative Options**

5.1 There are no alternative options to reviewing the Statement of Principles, the Council has a duty to update and consult on the Gambling Policy.

#### 6. **Implications**

6.1	<u>Community safety, including safeguarding and prevention of terrorism</u>  Ensuring that gambling is sufficiently regulated and controlled will help to support community safety, safeguarding and the prevention of terrorism.
6.2	<u>Workforce</u>  No Issues
6.3	<u>Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment</u>  This report is an update on an existing policy
6.4	<u>Financial Considerations</u>  No Financial Considerations
6.5	<u>Legal</u>  The Authority has a legal duty to update and consult on this policy as detailed in the legislation.
6.6	<u>Climate Change and Sustainability</u>  No Issues arising from this report

6.7	<u>Conservation and Enhancement of Biodiversity</u> No issues arising from this report
6.8	<u>Consultation</u> The Authority has a duty to consult on this report, full public consultation will be undertaken.
6.9	<u>Risk Assessment</u> No Issues arising from this report.

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