

**STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Licensing & Regulatory Committee**

**15 November 2024**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Gambling Policy - Consultation</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b>Councillor Cawley - Portfolio Holder for Communities</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 is scheduled to start in November 2024 for a period of 8 weeks, once the consultation is completed the revised Statement will be brought back with any comments to the committee in early 2025, for members to recommend for Full Council 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.

**3. Executive Summary**

- 3.1 Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 requires that the Council, as 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 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 draft Statement of Principles 2025-2028 is attached at Appendix 1. No substantive changes are proposed to the Statement at this stage, however, comments will be provided as part of the consultation exercise by statutory and other consultees which the Committee will consider at its next meeting.

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

4.1 Aim 1 Supporting our communities to create a healthier and safer Staffordshire Moorlands.

**5. Alternative Options**

5.1 No alternative option to the proposed consultation exercise, the Council has a duty to update and consult on the Gambling Policy. The Committee may propose changes to the proposed Statement.

**6. Implications**

6.1	<p><u>Community safety, including safeguarding and prevention of terrorism</u></p> <p>Ensuring that gambling is sufficiently regulated and controlled will help to support community safety, safeguarding and the prevention of terrorism.</p>
6.2	<p><u>Workforce</u></p> <p>No Issues</p>
6.3	<p><u>Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment</u></p> <p>This report is an update on an existing policy with no issues identified at this stage.</p>
6.4	<p><u>Financial Considerations</u></p> <p>There are no financial considerations to the proposals.</p>
6.5	<p><u>Legal</u></p> <p>The Council has a legal duty to update and consult on this policy as detailed in the legislation.</p>
6.6	<p><u>Climate Change and Sustainability</u></p> <p>No Issues arising from this report</p>
6.7	<p><u>Conservation and Enhancement of Biodiversity</u></p> <p>No issues arising from this report</p>

6.8	<u>Consultation</u>  The Council has a duty to consult on this report and will do so formally.
6.9	<u>Risk Assessment</u>  No Issues arising from this report.

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