

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 10 DECEMBER 2025**

### **RECOMMENDATION FROM ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE: STATEMENT OF GAMBLING PRINCIPLES**

#### **Recommendation:**

**Council is recommended to approve the draft revised Statement of Gambling Policy for formal adoption**

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**Extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Communities Committee held on 13 November 2025.**

#### **27 STATEMENT OF GAMBLING PRINCIPLES**

The committee considered the report which sought approval of the Statement of Gambling Principles 2026-2029 which is required under the Gambling Act 2005 to be published by all licensing authorities every three years. The document sets out how the Council will exercise its functions under the Act, focusing on the three licensing objectives and providing a local decision-making framework alongside national guidance and legislation.

The committee were advised that the revised statement remains largely unchanged from the previous version, with amendments limited to correcting grammatical errors. The draft statement had been considered by the Licensing Committee on 8 September 2025 following a statutory consultation process and was approved for submission to this Committee prior to onward recommendation to Full Council for adoption in December.

The committee queried the use of demographic data within the document and noted that some figures dated back to 2015. It was noted that updates are dependent on census data and advised the committee that future revisions should hopefully include more comprehensive and current information.

The committee thanked the officers for the work that had been put into the report and understood the importance and requirements for it to be brought to the committee for approval.

#### **RESOLVED (unanimously):**

That the Environment and Communities Committee:

1. Note the draft revised Statement of Gambling Policy as set out at appendix 1 to the report

- 2. Recommend the draft revised Statement of Gambling Policy to Council for formal adoption**