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## **EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 29 OCTOBER 2012**

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**EX.120/12    \*\*DRAFT STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY – GAMBLING ACT  
2005  
(Key Decision – KD.014/12)**

**Portfolio**      Finance, Governance and Resources

**Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel**      Resources

### **Subject Matter**

Pursuant to Minute EX.111/12, there was submitted report GD.57/12 attaching a draft Statement of Gambling Policy, the three month consultation period for which had ended on 24 September 2012.

The Chairman of the Licensing Committee was in attendance at the meeting.

By way of background, the Chairman reminded Members that under the Gambling Act 2005 a local authority would, for each three year period, consult and publish a Statement of its Gambling Policy. The Licensing Committee had on 30 May 2012 elected a Working Group to consider the policy; the responses to the consultation; and to make recommendations to the Committee. He added that the Working Group had benefitted from the good depth of knowledge provided by two of its Members.

In conclusion, the Chairman indicated that the Licensing Committee had considered the matter on 17 October 2012 and resolved that the final draft of the Statement of Gambling Policy, as attached to Report GD.53/12, be approved and recommended to the City Council for adoption. A copy of Minute Excerpt LC.20/12 had been circulated.

The Chairman of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel had considered the report and decided that, as the changes to the Policy were statutory in nature, the matter should not be included on the 18 October 2012 Panel Agenda.

Speaking on behalf of the Executive, the Deputy Leader and Economy and Enterprise Portfolio Holder thanked members of the Working Group, the Licensing Committee and Officers for their input. He drew attention to the timetable set out on page 7 of the report commenting that, if agreed by Council, the reviewed Policy would take effect from 31 January 2013.

The Deputy Leader and Economy and Enterprise Portfolio Holder then moved the recommendation that the Executive approve the content of the draft Gambling Policy Statement prior to referring it to full Council for consideration. The recommendation was duly seconded by the Leader.

**Summary of options rejected**    None

## **DECISION**

That the Executive approved the content of the draft Gambling Policy Statement and referred the document to Council for adoption.

## **Reasons for Decision**

To secure the adoption of the Gambling Policy by full Council in accordance with the required timetable.