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## EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 20 DECEMBER 2021

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### EX.158/21 GAMBLING ACT 2005 - DRAFT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

(Key Decision - KD.19/21)

**\*\***(In accordance with Paragraph 15(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Mayor had agreed that call-in procedures should not be applied to this item)

**Portfolio** Finance, Governance and Resources

**Relevant Scrutiny Panel** Business and Transformation

#### **Subject Matter**

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder reported (GD.86/21) that Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 required all licensing authorities to prepare and publish a Statement of Principles that they proposed to apply in exercising their functions under the Act during the three year period to which the policy applied.

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder advised that the Licensing Committee had considered the response to the consultation and noted that no amendments had been made to the Policy (Minute Excerpt LC.34/21 referred).

The Chair of the Licensing Committee was in attendance. In addressing the Executive, the Chair stated that the Gambling Act 2005 came into effect in 2007 and the Licensing Authority must review, consult and then publish its policy statement every 3 years.

The Policy covered the premises and activities that the authority had responsibility for and how applications were considered, monitoring and enforcement was undertaken and also included a Local Area Profile where gambling premises were mapped out to look at potential clusters and locations in relation to various properties, such as local hostels, community centres, schools and colleges.

The Chair stated that the Licensing Committee agreed the reviewed Policy to be consulted upon at their meeting on 18th August 2021. As there had been a limited number of changes to both regulations issued by the Secretary of State and guidance issued by the Gambling Commission in the intervening 3 year period, there had been no substantial changes to the Policy. The Policy was consulted upon until 8th October 2021 and no responses had been received. The Policy was circulated widely and publicised on the council's website and social media sites.

The Licensing Committee approved the draft policy to be forwarded to the Executive on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 in order for the Executive to forward to Council to adopt the statement on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved that the Policy be referred to Council for approval and the Leader seconded the recommendation.

**Summary of Options Rejected** Not to refer the Policy for approval.

**DECISION**

That the Executive:

1. Had considered the responses to the consultation (GD.86/21)
2. Had given consideration to the amended draft Gambling Policy with a view to adoption by Council on 4 January 2022.

**Reasons for Decision**

To meet the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005.