

**Meeting: Council**

**Date: Wednesday 17 February 2016**

**Subject: Gambling policy (statement of principles) 2016-2019**

**Report of: Councillor Steve Wallis on behalf of the Cabinet**

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The Council is asked to consider the minute and resolution of the Cabinet meeting held on 9 December 2015 as set out below.

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**The Council is recommended to:-**

**Approve the Council’s Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles) 2016 – 2019 which will form the council’s approach to gambling matters under the Gambling Act 2005 for the next three years, unless reviewed in the interim.**

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**Minute extract  
CABINET 9 December 2015**

**\*51 Gambling policy (statement of principles) 2016-2019.**

51.1 Cabinet considered the report of the senior specialist adviser. The Gambling Act 2005 required the council’s policy to be reviewed at least every 3 years. As the licensing authority, the council was responsible for issuing premises licences for casinos, bingo premises, adult gaming centres, family entertainment centres and betting premises as well as licensing all types of gaming machines and certain types of lottery. The required objectives for the council’s policy were:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime and disorder or being used to support crime.
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

51.2 Details of consultations undertaken and responses received were given in the report. A small number of changes were made to the existing policy. In summary the amendments changed grammatical errors required to provide greater clarification and included an allowance in several

paragraphs, for future legislative amendments or guidance from the Gambling Commission. The council's licensing act committee had been consulted upon and had agreed the revised policy at their meeting on 5 October 2015.

**51.3 \* Resolved (budget and policy framework):** That full council be recommended to approve the Council's Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles) 2016 – 2019 which will form the council's approach to gambling matters under the Gambling Act 2005 for the next three years, unless reviewed in the interim.

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