

Gambling Harms

Date: 20th January 2023

Report of: Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing and Communities)

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

EHC Scrutiny Board has requested a response to the recent publication from the Centre of Governance and Scrutiny “10 Questions to Ask If You Are Scrutinising Gambling Harm”. This document provides 10 key questions that help Scrutiny Board better understand and seek oversight on gambling harms in the localities. This report provides answers to these ten questions.

Recommendations

- a) That Scrutiny Board considers the information in the attached Briefing Note.

What is this report about?

- 1 This year, the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny, in conjunction with the Gambling Commission published a document titled “10 questions to ask if you are scrutinising gambling harm”. As the title alludes to, the document provides ten topic points to consider, but also a large amount of information and supplementary questions. EHC Scrutiny Board have requested a report providing information on how Leeds City Council approaches gambling harm, based on these ten questions. This covering report presents a briefing note which collates all the current work being undertaken across the council on this matter.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 2 This report gives Scrutiny Board the opportunity to comment on and provide scrutiny of the council-wide approach to gambling harm.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected: None specifically

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 3 The briefing note has been compiled by officers from Entertainment Licensing, Financial Inclusion and Public Health.

What are the resource implications?

- 4 There are no resource implications.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 5 There are no risks associated with this report.

What are the legal implications?

- 6 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

- 7 This report is a response to a request from EHC Scrutiny. No other options were considered.

How will success be measured?

- 8 Success will be measured by the Briefing Note being considered by Scrutiny Board.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

- 9 The Briefing Note is scheduled to be presented to EHC Scrutiny Board in January 2023.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - “10 questions to ask if you are scrutinising gambling harm”, Centre for Governance and Scrutiny
- Appendix 2 - Briefing Note – Gambling Harms

Background papers

- Gambling Regulation