



Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services)

Date: 3rd September 2012

Subject: Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. The Statement of Licensing Policy sets out the principles the council will use to exercise its functions under the Gambling Act 2005. Applicants for licences and permits for gambling are expected to read the Policy before making their application and the council will refer to the Policy when making its decisions.
2. Every three years the Council is required by the Gambling Act 2005 to review the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy, and to consult upon any changes. It is proposed not to make revisions to the current policy at this review.
3. The approval of the policy is a matter for full Council. In line with the Council's Budgetary and Policy Framework, this Scrutiny Board is a consultee. The timescale for approval is as follows:

Executive Board	July 2012
Scrutiny Board	September 2012
Executive Board	October 2012
Council	November 2012
4. The report considered by Executive Board is attached.

Recommendations

5. Members are asked to:

- a) Consider the current Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy 2010-2012 and make any appropriate comment and observations.

Background papers¹

None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.