

ABERDEEN LICENSING BOARD

COMMITTEE: ABERDEEN CITY LICENSING BOARD

DATE 4 SEPTEMBER 2018

TITLE OF REPORT GAMBLING POLICY STATEMENT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise the Licensing Board that the three-year Statement of Policy in terms of Section 349(1) of the Gambling Act 2005 ('the Act') requires to be reviewed, revised and consulted upon.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 That the Board notes the contents of the report; and
- 2.2 Approves Appendix 1 for public consultation.

3. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

- 3.1 Section 349 (1) of the Act requires all licensing authorities to prepare and publish every three years a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their function under the Act during the three-year period to which the policy applies.

The Licensing Authority Statement of Policy will last for a maximum of three years but can be reviewed at any time. The Board's current policy runs from January 2016 to January 2019. Members are invited to view the current policy on the Board's website at <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/business-and-licensing/licences-and-permits/gambling-act-2005>

The Policy requires to be reviewed, revised and published by 3 January 2019. Officers have carried out a review of the existing Policy and a draft Statement of Policy for 2019-2022 is attached ("Appendix 1").

- 3.2 Section 349 (3) of the Act requires the licensing authority to consult with the following on the Statement of Policy or any subsequent revision:

- Chief Constable

- One or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the authority's area
- One or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's function under this Act.

The Gambling Commission's Guidance to Licensing Authorities recommends that licensing authorities may wish to consider consulting with a range of organisations including: faith groups, voluntary and community organisations working with children and young people, organisations working with people who are problem gamblers, medical practices or primary care trusts, and advocacy organisations, other tiers of local government, holders of gambling premises licences and responsible authorities named in the Act.

The Clerk to the Board will conduct a consultation with all statutory consultees and also with the consultees recommended by the Gambling Commission. The Board will allow 12 weeks for responses to the draft Statement of Policy 2019-2022. The results of the consultation will thereafter be reported back to the Board for its consideration.

4. APPENDICES

Appendix One - draft Statement of Policy for 2019-2022.