

## ABERDEEN LICENSING BOARD

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COMMITTEE:	ABERDEEN CITY LICENSING BOARD
DATE	13 NOVEMBER 2018
TITLE OF REPORT	GAMBLING POLICY STATEMENT

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To recommend that Aberdeen City Licensing Board ('the Board') agree to the adoption of the revised Statement of Policy in terms of Section 349(1) of the Gambling Act 2005 ('the Act').

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 That the Board notes the contents of the report; and

2.2 Approves Appendix 1 for publication in accordance with the statutory timescales.

### 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.

The Policy requires to be published by 3 January 2019 and will come into effect on 31 January 2019. The final version of the policy 2019-2022 is attached at appendix 1.

#### 3.2 The Board undertook a statutory consultation process which concluded on 2 November 2018. Those persons/bodies consulted were:

- The Chief Constable of Police Scotland
- Chief Fire Officer, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
- The Gambling Commission
- Integrated Children and Family Services
- Premises Licence Holders
- Community Councils
- Licensing Agents

- Aberdeen City Council – Councillors
- National Casino Forum
- Association of British Bookmakers Ltd
- GamCare
- Gamble Aware
- NHS Grampian

### 3.3 Consultation Response

There were 6 responses received by close of consultation. Responses were received from Police Scotland, GamCare, Gamble Aware, Kincorth Leggat Community Council, Integrated Children and Family Services and the Association of British Bookmakers. The full responses are provided in Appendix 2.

Officers have noted the comments contained therein and the Policy has been amended to reflect the comments received from the Association of British Bookmakers and Integrated Children and Family Services.

The following paragraphs of the policy have been amended and are highlighted in red in Appendix 1:

- Page 6 – Paragraph 5.3.1
- Page 13 – Paragraph 10.1.16 and
- Page 23 – Paragraph 1.4.

Comments received from Police Scotland, GamCare and Gamble Aware will be included in a further consultation exercise regarding the adoption of a local area profile. The results of that consultation will be brought back before the Board early in 2019. The comments from Kincorth Leggat Community Council are noted.

#### 4. APPENDICES

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

Appendix Two – Collated responses.

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