

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Aberdeen City Licensing Board
<b>DATE</b>	30 November 2021
<b>EXEMPT</b>	No
<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	No
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Gambling Policy Statement 2022 to 2025
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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 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'). The revised Statement is attached to the report at Appendix 1

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Board :-

- 2.1 note the contents of the report; and
- 2.2 approves the Statement of Policy 2022-2025, as detailed in Appendix 1, for publication in accordance with the statutory timescales.

### 3. BACKGROUND

- 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 2019 to January 2022.

The Policy requires to be reviewed, revised and published by 3 January 2022. Officers have carried out a review of the existing Policy and a draft Statement of Policy for 2022-2025 is attached ("Appendix 1"). At its meeting on 18 May 2021 the Board resolved to carried out a 12-week consultation on the terms of the update policy.

- 3.2 The Board undertook the consultation process which concluded on 20 August 2021.

3.3 At the close of the consultation responses were received from:

- Cults Community Council
- Eleanor Sheppard, Chief Education Officer
- Sport Aberdeen
- Police Scotland
- Derek McGowan, Chief Officer, Early Intervention and Community Empowerment

The full consultation responses can be read at Appendix 2 of this report.

Officers have considered the responses received and noted the comments contained therein. It was considered in respect of the responses received from Cults Community Council, Eleanor Sheppard and Sport Aberdeen that there is no requirement to amend the policy.

With respect to the responses received from Police Scotland and Derek McGowan, officers noted the comments in respect to online Gambling and problem gambling and have added a section to the draft policy. The amendments are highlighted in Blue in Appendix 1.

## 4 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Statement of Policy 2022-2025

Appendix 2 Consultation Responses

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