

COUNCIL:

26 NOVEMBER 2015

REPORT OF HEAD OF SHARED REGULATORY SERVICES

LICENSING: TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF GAMBLING LICENSING POLICY.

Reason for Report

1. To request formal approval of the Council's Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy following a triennial review.

Background

2. The Council is the licensing authority for Cardiff for the purposes of the Gambling Act 2005.

Under section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 each licensing authority must publish a Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy (SGLP) which sets out the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under the Gambling Act 2005. Cardiff's first SGLP was published by the Authority on 7 January 2007, with the most recent version being adopted in January 2013.

3. The SGLP lasts for a maximum of three years and must therefore be reviewed on a regular basis. An Order of the Secretary of State means that licensing authorities are required to publish their next Statement by 31 January 2016.

Issues

4. The SGLP, which is determined for a three year period, outlines the licensing authority's approach to licence applications and deals with the problems and issues surrounding such applications.
5. The previous policy proved to be robust and effective in providing a framework for dealing with applications under the Gambling Act 2005. In accordance with the legislative requirements the SGLP has been reviewed and amendments proposed in consultation with responsible authorities, licence holders, stakeholders and the citizens of Cardiff. The draft new SGLP was approved by the Licensing Committee at its meeting of 3 November 2015. A copy of it is attached to this Report.

Legal Implications

6. The Gambling Act 2005 Act places a statutory requirement on a licensing authority to issue a Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy and to keep its policy under review and to make such revisions to it, at such times, as it considers appropriate. It is a requirement of the Act that the full Council meeting should formally approve the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy.

Financial Implications

7. This report does not result in any additional financial implications and can be achieved within existing budget provision.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is recommended to

- (1) Approve the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy for publication on 31st January 2016 and adopted for use on that date.
- (2) Authorise the Head of Shared Regulatory Services to make administrative amendments to the policy should the need arise.

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Head of Shared Regulatory Services

4th November 2015

Background papers:
Report to Licensing Committee 3 November 2015