



Policy and Resources Committee – 9 November 2015

Gambling Policy

Purpose of report

This report details the outcome of the 6-week consultation process for the proposed Gambling Policy.

Attachment(s)

Appendix 1: Gambling Policy - Final

1.0 Background

1.1 The Gambling Policy has been reviewed across the county and Members approved the commencement of the 6-week consultation process at the September committee (minute number 144 refers). The consultation period ended on 3rd November 2015.

2.0 Consultation Responses

2.1 At the time of writing this report, only one consultation response had been received by the Central Licensing Admin Unit, which was co-ordinating the consultation on behalf of the five councils that are part of the unit.

2.2 The response was from the Farming Community Network, which only deals in minor lotteries as a way of generating income for their charitable aims. They were happy with the current process and the requirements placed upon them and wanted this to continue. Any further consultation responses will be tabled on the evening of committee.

3.0 Next Steps

3.1 Once approval has been given for the finalised version to be published, we are required to advertise externally that a new policy has been agreed; this notice must go out before the Council closes for Christmas in order for the Policy to start on 1st February 2016.

4.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

4.1 There are no equality and diversity implications as a result of this policy.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 The process for ensuring the new revised policy is in place in time is strict and our committee schedule has been considered within these timescales. The resolution to not have a 'no casino' policy has also been confirmed by Members as part of the revised policy.

6.0 Resource and Financial Implications

6.1 There are no implications.

7.0 Corporate Outcomes

7.1 The Corporate Outcomes to which this report contributes is:

- Good Quality of Life – clear principles on gambling within the district

8.0 Recommendation

8.1 The Committee is recommended to

- (1) Resolve to recommend to full council the approval and adoption of the final Statement of Licensing Principles under the Gambling Act 2005

(Reason – To accord with legislation)

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| Legal | Power: Gambling Act 2005 | | | | |
| | Other considerations: | | | | |
| Background Papers: Policy and Resources Committee Paper September 2015 | | | | | |
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