

Report of:	Meeting	Date
Mark Billington, Corporate Director Environment	Licensing Committee	19 October 2021

<b>Gambling Act 2005 - Review of Wyre's Statement of Gambling Policy</b>
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**1. Purpose of report**

1.1 To agree the contents of the Statement of Gambling Policy.

**2. Outcomes**

2.1 Adoption of an approved Licensing Policy for 2022-2025 in accordance with section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005.

**3. Recommendation**

3.1 That the Licensing Committee confirm the contents of the Statement of Gambling Policy (**Appendix 1**).

3.2 That the Licensing Committee refers the Statement of Gambling Policy to the next available meeting of the full Council, with a recommendation to adopt it for a further three years.

**4. Background**

4.1 The Gambling Act 2005 established the Gambling Commission, a statutory body that is responsible for issuing operating licences and personal licences to organisations and individuals who wish to provide gambling activities under the Act. The Commission is also responsible for regulating remote gambling businesses in the UK.

4.2 Local Authorities such as Wyre Council, are responsible for issuing premises licences, permits and temporary use notices, in respect of premises where gambling takes place, along with maintaining a register of small society lotteries.

4.3 The council, as the relevant Licensing Authority, is required by section 349 of the Gambling Act to prepare and publish a statement of licensing

principles that it proposes to apply when carrying out its functions under the Act every three years.

- 4.4** The policy sets out how Wyre Council intends to manage and regulate local gambling provision and the expectations it places on those authorised to facilitate gambling in the Borough.

**5. Key issues and proposals**

- 5.1** The current Gambling Policy was formally adopted by Wyre Council in October 2019 after a wide ranging public consultation exercise on the revisions made during the 2018 review.

- 5.2** The latest policy review has concluded that no revisions are required to the policy at this time and so it is presented unchanged.

- 5.3** The Gambling Act 2005 allows most of the Licensing Authority’s functions to be delegated to a Licensing Committee with the exception being the adoption of the Statement of Gambling Policy which must be considered and adopted by full Council.

<b>Financial and legal implications</b>	
finance	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report with the exception of the cost of statutory advertising which can be met from within existing budgets.
legal	Members must take into account the Authority’s Statement of Licensing Policy when determining licensing decisions about the provision of gambling;

**Other risks/implications: checklist**

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report for those issues marked with an X.

<b>risks/implications</b>	<b>✓ / x</b>
community safety	✓
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

<b>risks/implications</b>	<b>✓ / x</b>
asset management	x
climate change	x
ICT	x
data protection	x

## Processing Personal Data

In addition to considering data protection along with the other risks/ implications, the report author will need to decide if a 'privacy impact assessment (PIA)' is also required. If the decision(s) recommended in this report will result in the collection and processing of personal data for the first time (i.e. purchase of a new system, a new working arrangement with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party) a PIA will need to have been completed and signed off by Data Protection Officer before the decision is taken in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

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List of background papers:		
Name of document	date	where available for inspection
None		

## List of appendices

Appendix 1 - Statement of Gambling Policy