

**Policy Advisory Group**

**19 November 2021**

**Gambling Statement of Principles**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Policy Advisory Group is to consider the responses to the recent public consultation on the draft Statement of Gambling Policy and how the draft policy should be amended before returning to Cabinet with a final policy for approval by Council.

**Background**

The licensing objectives:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime
- Ensuring gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling

**Proposal**

The policy was drawn up in consultation with all relevant groups and services within the Council and a widespread public consultation took place between 4 October 2021 and 12 November 2021. The views of the Advisory Group are sought on the responses received before a final statement of policy is drafted for consideration by Cabinet and approval by Council.

**Summary of Proposed Changes**

- Update to refer to Thrive
- Update with most recent data from the Health Survey for England
- Update to reflect changes in Primary Authority arrangements
- Update the contact details to reflect organisational changes
- Update to reflect the most recent version of the Gambling Commission's Guidance to Local Authorities (April 2021)

**Key additions to GC Guidance to Las**

- Advertising permitted to GA2005 provided licensing objectives not undermined, regulation by ASA
- Definition of 'available for use'
- Emphasis that the no of Cat B gaming machines in a bingo premises must not be more than 20% of the total no of gaming machines in premises
- Clarification of no and type of machines that can be made available in betting premises

- Clarification that casino, bingo, betting and AGCs must offer self exclusion schemes to customers.

**For consideration:**

Councillors agreed the draft policy and amendments and authorised the final policy to be presented to Cabinet, the to Council for approval

**Chair:** Councillor Kevin Dodds

**Councillors present:** Cllrs L Green, S Green, J Green, L Caffrey, D Bradford, H Kelly, J Simpson, J McElroy, K McCartney, B Goldsworthy, F Geddes, A Geddes, G Haley, I Patterson, J Turnbull, M Ord, T Graham and S Gallagher

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