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Meeting	Gambling, Licensing & Regulatory Committee
Date	6 November 2018
Present	Councillors Lisle (Chair), Cullwick, Hunter, Mercer, Pavlovic, Reid, Richardson, D Taylor and Wells
Apologies	Councillors Funnell, Boyce, Douglas, Hayes, Mason and Derbyshire

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## **Part B - Matters Referred to Council**

### **22. Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Licensing Policy**

[See also under Part A]

Members considered a report that advised them of the review of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the consultation undertaken and changes made as a result of the consultation and revised guidance. The report sought a recommendation to Full Council that the Policy be approved. The report also sought permission to publish a Local Area Profile.

The Licensing Manager outlined the report to Members. She advised that Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act) required licensing authorities to determine and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy (Policy), at least every three years. The Council's current Policy (Annex 1) was approved by Full Council on 17 December 2015 and was published on 8 January 2016. Members were advised that a revised Policy (Annex 2) needed to be approved by Full council and be published by 8 January 2019.

The Licensing Manager explained the background to the Local Area Profile (Annex 3). In the Gambling Commissions Guidance to Licensing Authorities, published in September 2015, it was recommended that licensing authorities completed their own assessment of the local environment as a means of 'mapping out' the key characteristics of the local area. The Guidance refers to such an assessment as a Local Area Profile (profile). The Licensing Manager thanked James Green, Apprentice in the Business Intelligence Hub for producing the profile.

The Licensing Manager explained the Policy consultation that had been undertaken, noting the consultation responses. She then outlined the options available to the Committee.

In response to Members' questions, the Licensing Manager confirmed that:

- The profile could be used to make representation against an organisation.
- Proactive checks were undertaken on premises to check that there were adhering to their premises licences. This included a test purchasing exercise on gambling premises.
- In respect of whether gaming machines could be prohibited in the Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ), the Gambling Act does not have the provision to introduce a CIZ. However, the profile could be used to support this.

The Licensing Manager undertook to check the statistics in relation to schools in the profile (page 5 of Annex 3) and circulate a colour copy of the annex to the Committee.

Recommended: That the Statement of Licensing Policy be adopted.

Reason: To meet the legislative requirements of the Gambling Act 2005.

Cllr S Lisle, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.15 pm and finished at 5.35 pm].