

## STATEMENTS OF LICENSING AND GAMBLING POLICIES

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### **SUMMARY**

The Council has recently reviewed its key licensing policies, two of which were referred from Cabinet on 17 December 2015 to full Council for adoption in line with the legal and constitutional requirements for policy framework documents.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS: That**

- a) **the Statement of Licensing Policy be adopted with effect 17 January 2016 to 17 January 2021 and,**
- b) **the Gambling Policy be adopted with effect 17 January 2016 to 17 January 2019.**

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

The Council is required to review its licensing policies at regular intervals to ensure that it is carrying out licensing functions in accordance with current legislation. Cabinet at its meeting on 24 September 2015 approved drafts of the policies to be consulted between 5th October and 20th November 2015. Responses were then considered by Cabinet, including those from the Licensing Committee, at its meeting on 17 December 2015. Members wishing to view the responses can find these in the Cabinet report. The revised policies to the licensing and gambling policies include updates in legislation and reflect current working practices. They will provide residents, licensing applicants and service users with up to date and fit for purpose policy documents. The recommended policies to be adopted are available on the Council website and in the Group Offices.

### **Finance comments**

There are no material financial implications associated with implementation of the revised licensing policies attached to this report. No amendments to the cost of licences for individual businesses or the overall income receivable by the Council are expected to arise from these amended policies.

### **Legal comments**

The Council has a statutory duty under Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 to review and republish its Statement of Licensing Policy every 5 years. Further, the Council has a statutory duty under Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 to review and republish its Gambling Policy every 3 years. Pursuant to those statutory timeframes, the Cabinet is advised that the current Statement of Licensing Policy and Gambling Policy expire in January 2016, therefore need to be renewed.

Background Papers: Reports to Cabinet - 24th September 2015 and 17 December 2015