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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 07 February 2022

Portfolio:	Policy and Resources
Subject:	Gambling – Review of Statement of Principles
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priorities:	Strong, safe, inclusive and healthy communities

Purpose:

This report sets out the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Policy (Gambling Policy) that details the Council's approach to the provision of Gambling in the Borough. The Policy is reviewed every three years and this review has taken account of any changes in legislation, regulations and guidance. The revised Policy is attached as Appendix A and is being presented to the Executive for recommendation to Council for adoption.

Executive summary:

The Council has an existing Gambling Policy which, during this review, has been rewritten for ease of understanding. There have not been any substantive policy changes. The Policy sets out the standards and criteria for applications received according to the Gambling Act and how those applications will be determined, and the licensing objectives promoted.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that the Executive considers the revised Gambling Policy, as detailed in Appendix A, and recommends it to Council for adoption.

Reason:

Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 ('the Act') requires the licensing authority to prepare and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy every three years. This outlines the general approach of the licensing authority when making licensing decisions under the Act and can be reviewed and revised by the authority at any time.

Cost of proposals:

There are no financial implications to the Council arising from consideration of this proposal.

Appendices: A: Revised Statement of Principles

Background papers: None

Reference papers: None

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Executive Briefing Paper

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Gambling Act 2005 came fully into force on 01 September 2007 and was designed to control all forms of gambling. It transferred authority for licensing gambling from the magistrates' courts to local authorities.
2. The Gambling Policy reflects the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005 and the associated guidance and regulations. Section 349 requires each licensing authority to publish a statement of principles in respect of its licensing functions at the beginning of each three-year period. This policy must be kept under review and such revisions must be made at such times as it considers appropriate.
3. The last three-year period ended in January 2022 and therefore a Gambling Policy for 2022-2025 must now be determined and published.
4. Consultation took place from 1 October 2021 until the 10 December 2021.
5. The Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee approved the draft policy on 25 January 2022 for recommendation to the Executive.
6. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

CONCLUSION

7. Members are invited to consider the information contained in the report and recommend the revised Policy to Council for adoption.

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