

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **Report to Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee**

**Date**                    **26 November 2024**

**Report of:**            **Head of Environmental Health**

**Subject:**              **REVIEW OF GAMBLING STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

#### **SUMMARY**

The Council is required to review its Gambling Statement of Principles every three years, the current three-year period ends in January 2025. The purpose of this report is to bring the draft statement of Principles, together with the consultation responses, to this Committee for recommendation to the Executive so that it can be adopted at Full Council. The statutory consultation exercise in respect of this Statement has been completed.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee:

- (a) considers the draft document, notes the result of the statutory consultation exercise and makes any amendments it considers necessary to the draft policy statement; and
- (b) recommends to the Executive that the final draft Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles 2025-2028, as attached as Appendix A to this report, be recommended for adoption by the Council.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. The Council is required to determine and publish, every three years, a Statement of Principles in relation to the exercise of its functions under the Gambling Act 2005. The three-year period to which the current Statement of Policy relates ends in January 2025.

## **CONSULTATION**

2. The draft revised Statement of Policy can be seen at Appendix A to this report.
3. There have been no major changes in the guidance or legislation during the last three-year period and therefore the policy has had no significant amendments since it was published last time.
4. Consultation with the bodies as per Appendix 1 of the revised draft Statement of Principles was undertaken between 2 September to 8 November 2024. There were no consultation responses received.
5. Since the Gambling Act was introduced in 2005, there have been no licensing Panels held in respect of Gambling Premises matters.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

6. The Council is required by statute to review and publish every three years a reviewed Gambling Act Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005. In the absence of such a statement it may not be possible to consider applications for Premises Licences made under the Act effectively and each decision would be at risk of appeal.

## **CONCLUSION**

7. This Council must adopt a three-yearly reviewed Gambling Act Statement of Principles issued under the Gambling Act 2005. The reviewed Gambling Act Statement of Principles must be adopted by the Council for the period 2025-2028.
8. The reviewed Gambling Act Statement of Principles has been prepared for adoption in compliance with guidance issued by the Gambling Commission. Subject to any amendments required by the Committee, the draft be recommended to the Executive for consideration at its meeting of 13 January 2025 and subsequently be adopted by full Council at its meeting on 21 February 2025.

**Appendices:** Appendix A – Gambling Act Statement of Principles 2025-2028

**Background Papers:** None.

**Reference Papers:** None.

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