

# Agenda Item 7

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

## GAMBLING ACT 2005 - STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (POLICY) 2025

1. The Council, as a Licensing Authority, is required by Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005, to adopt and update a policy every three years. Section 349(1) of the Act states:  
  
“A licensing authority shall before each successive period of three years-  
(a) prepare a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under this Act during that period, and  
(b) publish the statement.”
2. A Statement of Principles (Policy) was last approved by the full Council at its meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021. To ensure compliance with the Council’s statutory requirements set out in the 2005 Act and associated regulations and guidance, it is necessary to have a new policy adopted by Full Council and published in time for the Statement of Principles to be in effect in January 2025.
3. Approval of the Statement of Principles (Policy) under the Gambling Act 2005 is a function reserved to full Council.
4. At its meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee considered a report of the Executive Director, Neighbourhood Services, setting out the details of the revised Statement of Principles (Gambling Policy), to be published under the Gambling Act 2005 and detailing the consultation process that had been undertaken. The report also sought approval to the final version of the Statement of Principles (Policy) and for it to be referred to Full Council.
5. The resolution passed by the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee is set out below.

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee approves the Statement of Principles (Policy) for submission to Full Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2024, to ensure compliance with the Council’s statutory requirements set out in the 2005 Act and associated regulations and guidance to have the policy adopted by Full Council and published in time for the Statement of Principles to be in effect in January 2025.

## Recommendations

That the Council:-

- (a) notes that a licensing authority shall, before each successive period of three years, both prepare a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under the Gambling Act 2005 during that period and publish that statement; and

(b) approves the draft Statement of Principles (Policy) under the Gambling Act 2005 recommended by the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee under Part 3.2.1 of the Constitution, as set out in the attached report.

## **Options**

Full Council may, in accordance with Part 3.2.1 of the Constitution:-

(i) approve the draft Statement of Principles (Policy) under the Gambling Act 2005, as recommended by the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee; or

(ii) choose to require the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee to reconsider or amend the draft Statement of Principles (Policy).

In considering the options, Full Council must have full regard to the contents of the report to the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee including, in particular, the implications that are highlighted in the report. Full Council's attention is drawn to the statutory requirements (noted in the report), as set out below -

*A licensing authority shall, before each successive period of three years -*

*(a) prepare a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under this Act during that period, and*

*(b) publish the statement."*

(NOTE: A copy of the report submitted to the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee is attached.)

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