

62. REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - A.2 - REVIEW OF DRAFT STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY AFTER PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

The Committee had before it a report which asked it to consider the responses received from the public consultation that had taken place for the review of the Council's statement of Gambling Policy and decide whether to amend its draft policy in light of the responses received before agreeing a final policy and recommending its adoption by the full Council. The draft policy had been approved by the Committee at its meeting on 18 July 2018.

The Licensing Manager (Karen Townshend) reported that the draft policy went out to public consultation for a period of twelve weeks from the 1 August to the 24 October 2018. This had encompassed and engaged a large and diverse range of consultees, such as faith groups, local schools, Children's Safeguarding service, voluntary groups, premises licence holders, business representatives, betting and gambling representatives and organisations that work with problem gamblers like Gamblers Anonymous to seek a wide variety of comment and views on the revised draft policy. A list of those groups, agencies, authorities, organisations and businesses who were written to was detailed on page 25 of the revised draft policy.

After some deliberation amongst the Committee, it was moved by Councillor White and seconded by Councillor Amos and **RESOLVED** that:

- a) The final draft statement of Gambling Policy attached to this report which includes any amendments thought necessary to the policy after consideration of the consultation responses received;
- b) That the Chairman of the Licensing Committee recommends this final draft of the revised policy to Full Council for adoption by the Council at its meeting 22 January 2019 and its publication in accordance with the timetable previously agreed by members at their meeting of the 18 July 2018;
- c) That any future amendments to the revised adopted and published policy that are minor or administrative only in nature can be delegated to the head of Customer and Commercial services and the Licensing Manager in consultation with the Chairman and/or the Vice Chairman of the Licensing and Registration Committee; without the need to publicly consult again or readopt the policy by the Committee and Full Council.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that the final draft of the revised policy be adopted and published in accordance with the timetable previously agreed by the Licensing and Registration Committee at its meeting held 18 July 2018.