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Title	Consultation / Proposals for changes to Gaming Machines and Social Responsibility Measures		
Wards affected	Not applicable		

This report concerns the Government Consultation on proposals for changes to Gaming Machine and Social Responsibility Measures

1. Decisions Required

- 1.1 Members are asked to consider and respond to the Government Consultation on proposals for changes to Gaming Machine and Social Responsibility Measures.

2. Reasons for Decisions

- 2.1 The Government is seeking the views of a wide variety of bodies on the operation of gaming machines and social responsibility requirements. The Council has had concerns for some time concerning the use of, in particular, Fixed Odds Betting Terminals and the opportunity to comment on proposed changes in this area is therefore welcomed.

3. Alternative Options

- 3.1 The Council is not required to submit a return but it is considered that to fail to do so would be a missed opportunity to bring about change in the industry.

4. Matters for consideration

- 4.1 The review of gaming machines and social responsibility measures has been called to ensure that the correct balance is maintained between a sector that should be allowed to grow and develop and thereby contribute to the economy whilst ensuring that it does so in a way that is socially responsible and protects its customers and the community in which it is situated.
- 4.2 The survey is to be completed online and it is intended to do this at the Committee meeting following discussion to agree the response to be made. The survey can be found [here](#). The Consultation closes on 23 January 2018.

5. Standard References

- 5.1 There are no particular references to the Strategic Plan; publicity or consultation considerations; or financial; equality, diversity and human rights; community safety; health and safety or risk management implications.