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Title	Gambling Policy		 282840
Wards affected	All wards		

1. Decision Required

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to approve the Gambling Policy following the end of the consultation period.

2. Recommended Decision

- 2.1 To agree the draft Policy and propose its adoption to full Council on 6 December 2018.

3. Reason for Recommended Decision

- 3.1 The Council has consulted on the draft gambling policy for implementation with effect from 31 January 2019. No representations have been received.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 There is no alternative option; the Policy must be reviewed and readopted in order to be compliant with current legislation.

5. Detailed Considerations

- 5.1 The Gambling Act 2005 places a statutory responsibility on all Local Authorities to be responsible for the issuing of various permissions, permits and notices relating to the use of premises for gambling activities.
- 5.2 The Council is required by law to formulate its own Gambling Licensing Policy Statement which must be reviewed and republished every three years. The reviewed policy sets out the principles that the Council, as licensing authority, will generally apply to promote the licensing objectives when making decisions on applications for licences made under the Act for the period the policy is in force.
- 5.3 The consultation period on the new draft policy, attached at Annex 1, ended on 4 November 2018 and no representations were received.

6. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights implications

- 6.1 The draft Policy has been developed in accordance with and taken account of, all relevant legislation and national and local strategies.

7. Strategic Plan References

- 7.1 This Policy aims to contribute to the Council's strategic plan through the efficient and effective regulation of gambling premises thereby ensuring that the local risks identified.

8. Publicity Considerations

- 8.1 The draft revised policy was the subject of an extensive consultation process. A copy of the finalised policy will be placed on the Council's website.

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1 There may be costs incurred in defending any action brought against the Council which seeks to judicially review the policy. However, having consulted extensively it is thought such a challenge is unlikely.

10. Community Safety Implications

- 10.1 The Policy, through the creation of the Local Area Profile, identifies local risks including community safety and public health implications.

11. Health and Safety Implications

- 11.1 There is no known direct health and safety issues which might arise from the adoption of the revised Policy.

12. Risk Management Implications

- 12.1 A flexible yet robust revised Policy will continue to provide both the Council with a sound basis for decision making.