

Item LA 15/89 referred from Licensing and Appeals Committee minutes of 22 September 2015

GAMBLING ACT 2005 - REVISED STATEMENT OF POLICY

The report of the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer reminded Members that Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 required that Licensing Authorities prepare and publish a statement of principles to be applied in exercising their functions under the Act over a three year period. Members noted that the Council's current Statement of Principles for the Gambling Act 2005 was due to expire on 14 January 2016 and the report set out details of the matters to be taken into account during the consultation period prior to the publication of a revised Statement of Policy. The Director of Central Services advised that it would not be possible to take the latest Gambling Commission guidance into account within the proposed timescale and he set out details of revisions to the existing policy which would allow its reinstatement with effect from January 2016.

RECOMMENDED: That, subject to no adverse comments being received during the consultation period and to minimal changes to ensure accuracy, the Council re-adopt the existing version of the policy for a period of 3 years with effect from 14 January 2016.