

## LICENSING COMMITTEE

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Wednesday, 1 March 2023
<b>Report Subject</b>	Draft Statement of Gambling Policy Review
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To seek Member approval for the Draft Statement of Gambling Policy, which is due to be presented to Full Council for final approval in June 2023

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That Members note the changes to the Statement of Gambling Policy
1	That Members approve the Draft Policy ahead of its submission to Full Council for final approval

### REPORT DETAILS

<b>1.00</b>	<b>EXPLAINING THE REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY</b>
1.01	The Council is required to develop, consult on, produce and periodically review its Statement of Gambling Policy with regard to how it exercises its functions in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005.
1.02	Flintshire County Council Licensing Section have worked collaboratively with most Members of the North Wales Licensing Group in reviewing the Statement of Gambling Policy. Each Authority has had to keep area specific content, but each individual authority has followed the same structure to make the policies more accessible and user friendly across the North Wales regions.
1.03	Subject to Full Council approval, the Policy will come into force on 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2023 and will be valid for three years.
1.04	The Draft Policy is shown at Appendix A, with changes shown in red

1.05	A summary of changes is shown at Appendix B
1.06	The Policy must contain objectives regarding the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime;</li> <li>• Ensuring gambling is conducted in a fair and open way; and</li> <li>• Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.</li> </ul>
1.07	The Council must have regard to any relevant code of practice issued by the Secretary of State, guidance issued by the Gambling Commission, how they exercise their functions consistently with the objectives and in accordance with the policy itself.
1.08	Consultation has taken place with relevant bodies and interested parties. The results are set out in section 3 below.
1.09	No responses have been received in respect of the consultation.

<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
2.01	The document has no effect on fees and charges for licenses and permits

<b>3.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT</b>
3.01	Consultation took place between 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 and 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023. Relevant parties were invited to make representations.
3.02	The following were consulted in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chief Officer of Police for the Authority's area</li> <li>• One or more persons who appear to the Authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the Authority's area.</li> <li>• One or more persons who appear to the Authority to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the Authority's functions under the Act.</li> </ul>
3.03	In addition to mandatory consultees, the consultation was extended to all Members of Flintshire County Council, and Town and Community Councils.
3.04	The consultation was available to Members of the public: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On Flintshire Council's website</li> <li>• By way of a Public Notice displayed in the reception areas at County Hall and Ty Dewi Sant</li> <li>• By way of a Public Notice displayed in libraries across the County.</li> </ul>
3.05	No responses were received by any interested party.

<b>4.00</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
4.01	None

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	Appendix A – Draft Statement of Gambling Policy June 2023 to June 2026 Appendix B – Summary of changes

<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	<p>Flintshire County Council’s current Statement of Gambling Policy  <a href="https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Licensing/Statement-of-Licensing-Policy.pdf">https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/PDFFiles/Licensing/Statement-of-Licensing-Policy.pdf</a></p> <p>Gambling Commission Guidance to Licensing Authorities in respect of the policy statement  <a href="https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/manual/guidance-to-licensing-authorities/part-1-licensing-authority-policy-statement">https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/manual/guidance-to-licensing-authorities/part-1-licensing-authority-policy-statement</a></p>
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<b>7.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
7.01	<p><b>Gambling Act 2005:</b> Legislation regulating all forms of gambling</p> <p><b>Statement of Gambling Policy:</b> The Act requires the Licensing Authority to prepare and publish this document to reflect the principles they will apply in exercising their functions under the Act.</p>