

## **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** LICENSING COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

**SUBJECT:** THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 – THREE YEAR  
LICENSING POLICY 2013 - 2016

### **1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01 To inform Members about the renewal of the three year Gambling Policy which will cover the period between 2013 – 2016

### **2.00 BACKGROUND**

2.01 It is a requirement of section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 that a Licensing Authority shall before each successive period of three years prepare a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under the Act and publish that statement.

2.02 Flintshire's existing policy which fulfils this function came in to force on 31st January 2010 and lasts for three years. Please see Appendix A.

### **3.00 CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01 Flintshire Council has been administering and enforcing the requirements of the Gambling Act since it became operational in 2007.

3.02 In the light of this experience, the Council is not minded to depart significantly from the existing Policy document apart from updating any factual information which has changed.

3.03 The legislation requires a consultation process to be undertaken. This will be initiated in September and requesting responses by November. The responses will be summarised together with the view of the Licensing Section and the final draft policy will be presented to a future Licensing Committee for consideration and approval.

### **4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.01 That Members note the proposals for the renewal of the Council's Gambling Act 2005 policy.

**5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.01 None. The consultation costs will be funded by Licensing income.

**6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

6.01 One of the three Gambling Act objectives is to protect children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

**7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

7.01 None.

**8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

8.01 None.

**9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.01 None.

**10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

10.01 There is a statutory duty to carry out a consultation.

**11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

11.01 This will be undertaken in Autumn 2012.

**12.00 APPENDICES**

12.01 Attached

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985  
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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