

Subject: Strategic Report - Statement of Gambling Policy **Status:** For Publication

Report to: The Cabinet **Date:** 15th November 2006

Report of: Head of Service – Legal & Democratic Services

Portfolio Holder: Leader of the Council

Key Decision: Yes

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency "X" In
Relevant Box

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek a recommendation of approval to Full Council for the Statement of Gambling Policy as required under the Gambling Act 2005.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report are linked to and support the following corporate priorities:

- Embedding our customer promise by making clear the statement of principles the licensing authority will use under the Gambling Act 2005.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- By not approving the policy, there is a risk of non compliance with the requirements under Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

4.1 It is in the Council's interest to approve the Statement of Gambling Policy as it is a statutory requirement and will provide clarity to licensing customers on the principles to be applied under the Gambling Act 2005.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

5.1 Any financial implications will be included in budget considerations currently underway for 2007/08.

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

6.1 The statement of Gambling policy will provide clarification of the Councils approach to gambling within the Borough . The Council is required by the Gambling Act 2005 to prepare such a policy .

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

7.1 No specific comments.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 requires that the licensing authority prepare and publish a three-year licensing policy.

9. RECOMMENDATION

9.1 It is recommended that Cabinet recommend the approval of the Statement of Gambling Policy by Full Council.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 The parties consulted are contained within the Statement of Gambling Policy at Appendix A.

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Statement of Gambling Policy	Attached