

Item 12 – Gambling Act Policy 2022-2025

Amendment to Wording

5. Risk Considerations

5.1 Audit have advised:

Risk: A lack of governance in relation to the Gambling Act 2005 may result in a failure to fulfil the Council's statutory requirements.

Mitigation: The Statement of Gambling Policy 2022-2025 is aligned with the licensing objectives as set out in section 1 of the Act. The licensing objectives referenced are:

- a) Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime.
- b) Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.
- c) Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

Risk: Failure to achieve the licensing objectives set out in the Gambling Act 2005 would imply that the Council is not as effective as it could be in achieving its duty and regulatory functions as a licensing authority.

Mitigation: In carrying out its licensing functions the Council will have regard to guidance issued by the Gambling Commission, the Gambling Commissions licence conditions, and codes of practice.

Risk: An approved Gambling Policy and mechanisms for regular policy review is not in place.

Mitigation: The production and approval of the Statement of Gambling Policy 2022-2025 demonstrates that the Council conforms with the requirement of the Gambling Act 2005.