

Minutes of: LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 3rd October 2024

Present: Councillor G McGill (in the Chair)
Councillors, A Booth, N Bayley, R Brown, J Hook, B Ibrahim,
G Marsden and L Ryder.

Also in attendance: M Bridge- Licensing Unit Manager
M Cunliffe – Democratic Services
R Thorpe– Legal Advisor
C Smith- Head of Public Protection

Public Attendance: No members of the public were present at the meeting.

REVIEW OF GAMBLING POLICY - STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Executive Director (Operations) submitted a report informing the Committee that the Gambling Act 2005 (Section 349) required the Local Authority to review its Statement of Principles at least every three years. The statement can also be reviewed at any time during the three-year period, if any urgent matters were to arise. The existing Statement of Principles ceases to have effect on the 31st January 2025.

The report attached to the agenda pack contained the revised proposed Statement of Principles (attached at Appendix 1) and detailed the consultation process. Section 4 outlined the amendments to the statement following the responses to the consultation.

The Council have previously worked with partners across Greater Manchester, which had resulted in the Greater Manchester Gambling harm and reduction programme being set up. The programme reflects this collaboration across Greater Manchester. The principles share our aims to prevent and reduce the negative impacts of gambling on individuals, families, and communities.

The Licensing Service had received one response from the Public Health Department. The response was contained at appendix 2 of the agenda pack.

The current Statement of Principles, had been in existence for three years, and has, to date, not been challenged either formally or informally.

Delegated decision:

It was agreed by the Licensing and Safety Committee that the proposed Statement of Principles, attached to the report at Appendix 1, be accepted without amendment.

The statement had been widely consulted and any necessary amendments, as detailed in section 4 of the report, had been made. To comply with the statute, a revised Statement of Principles must be agreed by Council on the 13th November 2024, for the proposed statement to be in place by the 31st January 2025.