

Council – 1 December 2015

**Recommendation from Cabinet
Member for Culture, Leisure,
Sports and Parks
12 November 2015**

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks
held at 9.30 am on Thursday, 12 November 2015

Present:

Members: Councillor A Khan (Chair)
Councillor J Birdi (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: D Blackburn, A Harwood, C Hickin, A Walster

Resources: U Patel

In Attendance: D Keegan – Guphill Residents Association

RECOMMENDATION

Public Business

15. Gambling Act 2005 - Revised Statement of Gambling Policy

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Executive Director of Place which provided an update on the outcome of the 7 week consultation undertaken on the review of the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy for the Gambling Act 2005.

The Gambling Act requires each licensing authority to prepare and publish a statement of gambling policy. The policy statement sets out how the authority intends to approach its licensing responsibilities and in particular how it intends to promote the three licensing objectives.

The current Gambling Policy came into effect on 6 January 2013 for a period of 3 years to 31 January 2016. The policy has to be renewed every three years and be subject to a full consultation process. Authority to consult was given by the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities on 23 July 2015 (Minute 10 refers).

The general principles of the Gambling Policy remain the same and the document was still centred around the Gambling Act's 3 licensing objectives, namely:

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

The report outlined comments received and amendments made on the Council's draft Gambling Policy. The Licensing and Regulatory Committee considered the report on 20 October 2015 and was supportive of revised Statement of Gambling Policy and did not suggest any changes to the revised policy (Minute 52 refers).

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks:

- 1. Having considered the results of the consultation on the revised Statement of Gambling Policy for the period 2016-2019 and comments from the Licensing and Regulatory Committee;**
- 2. Recommends Council to adopt the revised Statement of Gambling Policy attached as Appendix A of the report.**

(Meeting closed at 10.20 am)