CITY COUNCIL   **15 January 2019**

REPORT OF THE LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

GAMBLING ACT 2005 - STATEMENT OF LICENSING PRINCIPLES

Introduction

1.   The purpose of this report is to seek approval to the revised Statement Gambling Principles required to be produced under the Gambling Act 2005.

Background

2.   Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 requires the Licensing Authority to publish a Statement of Gambling Principles.

3.   The current Statement of Gambling Principles has been in effect since May 2016.

4.   The City Council is required to approve a new Policy to come into force with immediate effect and the enclosed document is now presented for approval.

5.   A full review of the Gambling Principles which includes greater emphasis on social responsibility and risk assessment has been completed and a draft Policy was circulated to stakeholders, including (but not limited to) the list of statutory Consultees, being:

   • The Chief Officer of Police.

   • One or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the authority's area.

   • One or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's functions under the Gambling Act 2005.

6.   The licensing authority invited comments to be submitted on the interim draft Statement of Gambling Principles from 15th October – 25th November 2018.

7.   On 19 December 2018, the Licensing and Public Protection Committee considered the responses to the consultation as well as the proposed amendments to the Statement of Principles and approved the draft document.

MOTION

That the City Council approves the Statement of Gambling Principles and authorises:-

(i) the City Solicitor to update the list of Policy Framework Plans to include the same; and

(ii) the Acting Director of Regulation and Enforcement to do what is necessary to publish and comply with the same.