

## **Rother District Council**

Report to	-	Council
Date	-	16 May 2022
Report of the	-	Licensing and General Purposes Committee
Subject	-	Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles

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The Council is asked to consider the recommendation arising from the Licensing and General Purposes committee meeting held on 17 January 2022, as set out below. The original report and Statement of Principles considered by the Committee is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

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### **LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 17 JANUARY 2022**

#### **LG21/12. GAMBLING ACT 2005 – STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

The Gambling Act 2005 (the Act) required Rother District Council, as the Licensing Authority, to formally review and approve its Statement of Principles (SoP) (Gambling Policy) in regard to how it regulated Gaming Premises every three years. The Statement was based upon the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005 and was developed in line with a nationally accepted template. The last SoP was approved in 2018.

Operators and personal licences were issued by the Gambling Commission, whereas premises licences were dealt with by the Local Authority. The Council had never received a representation against the granting of a premises licence under the Act. For this reason a hearing into an application had never been made and therefore reference to the SoP had not been made by Members.

Consultees (who included the Police, Gambling Commission, Department of Public Health and existing licence holders) would be advised that there were no significant changes in the regulations issued by the Secretary of State or guidance issued by the Gambling Commission that materially affected the SoP.

If there were no objections to the SoP, it would be recommended to Council for formal approval and adoption.

The Committee agreed that the draft SoP be approved for consultation and, subject to no objections being received, be recommended to full Council for formal approval and adoption. Should objections be received, a report would be presented to the Licensing and General Purposes Committee.

#### **RESOLVED:** That:

- 1) the draft Statement of Principles be approved for consultation; and

- 2) subject to no objections being received, be **RECOMMENDED** to Council for approval and adoption.\*

(Licensing and General Purposes Committee Agenda Item 7)

\*The Head of Environmental Health confirmed on 7 March 2022 that no comments were received and requested onward submission to Council for approval.