

**LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE
24 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Gambling Policy

Purpose of Report

1. To invite Members to consider a report for the approval of a new Gambling Policy for referral to Full Council to consider adopting in line with requirements of the Gambling Act 2005
2. The schedule attached to this report gives details of changes for consideration.
3. Members are requested to consider any appropriate action, which may include the amendments to the proposed policy.

Human Rights Act

4. When considering policy matters, the Committee must consider whether the decision affects an individual, group, or Company's Human Rights as set out in the Convention and if it does, whether the interference with those rights is permissible by reason of the justifications set out in the Convention. In addition, consideration must be given to whether the interference is proportionate.

Legal Implications

5. There are no issues that the Assistant Director, Law and Governance, considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report

Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Section 17

6. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area.

Recommendation

7. Members are requested to approve the policy for Full Council to consider adopting, with or without amendments.

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Background Papers

The Gambling Act 2005

Darlington Borough Council Gambling Policy

Gambling Commission Guidance to Local Authorities - Published 1 April 2021, last updated 11 April 2023

Equality Act 2010

Human Rights Act 1998

Schedule 1 Item for decision

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