

Item No	Referred from:	LICENSING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE
8a	Date:	14 OCTOBER 2024
	Title of item:	STATEMENT OF GAMBLING PRINCIPLES 2025-2028
To be considered alongside agenda item:		REFERRAL ONLY

The report considered by Licensing and Regulation Committee at the meeting held on 14 October 2024 can be viewed here: [Agenda for Licensing and Regulation Committee on Monday, 14th October, 2024, 7.30 pm | North Herts Council](#)

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Council adopts the Statement of Gambling Principles 2025-2028 policy.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

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- (2) A new policy must be published by 3 January 2025 to comply with this statutory requirement.
- (3) The policy builds on the effectiveness of the existing policy with minor amendments to reflect changes in legislation, statutory guidance, consultation responses and an updated local area profile.

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The Licensing and Community Safety Manager presented the report entitled ‘Statement of Gambling Principles 2025-2028’ and highlighted that:

- This was a statutory policy which required a review every three years and adopting by Council.
- Three representations were received from the public consultation, this was higher than in previous years.
- The Gambling venues in the district were well managed and operated.
- There was an updated local area profile in the report and this would ensure that any new gambling venues would not be proposed in areas of high deprivation.
- There had been a Safeguarding update to include, the White Ribbon Campaign, Violence against Woman and Girls Charter and child sexual exploitation.
- The report covered the required responses to the public consultation representations and it was noted that public health roles were administrated by Hertfordshire County Council.

Councillor Tim Johnson proposed and Councillor Nigel Mason seconded and, following a vote, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Licensing and Regulation Committee considered the consultation responses and recommended the adoption of the policy appended at Appendix A to Full Council.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Council adopts the Statement of Gambling Principles 2025-2028 policy.

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