

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**ANGUS LICENSING BOARD – 28 MARCH 2024**

**GAMBLING POLICY STATEMENT**

**REPORT BY DEPUTE CLERK TO THE BOARD**

**1. ABSTRACT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the requirement to prepare and publish a new Gambling Policy Statement.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board note the requirement for the Board to prepare and publish a new Gambling Policy Statement.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 (“the Gambling Act”) obliges every licensing authority to prepare and publish a statement of principles which they propose to apply in exercising their functions under that Act (“Policy Statement”). This must be done at minimum once every three years.

**4. CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 The Board’s current Policy Statement dates from 17 August 2021. Therefore, a new Policy Statement requires to be in place by 16 August 2024.
- 4.2 A copy of the Board’s current Policy Statement is available on the Council’s website at: - <https://www.angus.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2021-09/Statement%20of%20Policy%20-%20Gambling%202021%20-%202024.pdf>
- 4.3 Hard copies of the Policy are available from the Clerk on request.
- 4.4 The Policy Statement must be in a form as prescribed by the Scottish Ministers in the Gambling Act 2005 (Licensing Authority Policy Statement) (Scotland) Regulations 2006.
- 4.5 The current Policy Statement designates: -
- (i) The Angus Child Protection Committee as a body from which to seek advice about the protection of children from harm.
  - (ii) Angus Council per its Director of Children, Families and Justice/ Chief Social Work Officer for the purpose of advising the Board about the protection of vulnerable persons from harm; and
  - (iii) The Angus Alcohol and Drug Partnership c/o Angus Health and Social Care Partnership for the purposes of advice in relation to people who are vulnerable due to dependency on alcohol or drugs.

**5. CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 In preparing its new Policy Statement, the Board must consult with the Chief Constable, one or more persons who appear to the Board to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the authority's area, and one or more persons who appear to the Board to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's functions under this Act.

5.2 It is proposed that in reviewing the Policy Statement, the following will be consulted: -

- (i) The Chief Constable, Police Scotland
- (ii) Angus Adult Protection Committee, c/o Angus Council
- (iii) Angus Child Protection Committee, c/o Angus Council
- (iv) Director of Infrastructure and Environment, Angus Council
- (v) Director of Children, Families and Justice, Angus Council
- (vi) Angus Health and Social Care Partnership
- (vii) All Angus Community Councils
- (viii) Scottish Licensed Trade Association
- (ix) All local Gambling Act premises licence and permit holders and parties who specifically request consultation.
- (x) GamCare.
- (xi) GambleAware.
- (xii) The Tayside Council on Alcohol
- (xiii) The Faculty of Procurators and Solicitors in Angus
- (xiv) The Gambling Commission
- (xv) The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- (xvi) HM Revenue and Customs Commissioners
- (xvii) Scottish Environment Protection Agency
- (xviii) Bingo Association
- (xix) Association of British Bookmakers Ltd.
- (xx) Scottish Independent Bookmakers Association
- (xxi) British Amusement Catering Trade Association
- (xxii) Citizens' Advice Scotland

## **6. PROPOSALS**

6.1 It is proposed that the Clerk will: -

- (i) commence the preparation process; and
- (ii) bring a further report to the Board with a draft Policy Statement for consideration and thereafter consultation in due course.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from the recommendations of this Report.

## **8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this Report.

## **9. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY**

9.1 A full Equality Impact Assessment is not required for the following reason: -  
This report is for information only.

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