

## **Report of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee – Item for Decision**

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### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report sets out the Licensing and Regulatory Committee’s recommendation to Council arising from their consideration of the report at the Licensing and Regulatory Committee meeting on 12 October 2023.

**Note: The references in this report to Paper A relate to the relevant report considered by the Licensing and Regulatory Committee containing specific recommendations for Full Council to consider and are appended to this report for reference.**

- 1.2 **Paper A (Statement of Principles – Gambling Policy)** was considered at the Licensing and Regulatory Committee meeting on 12 October 2023. The Licensing and Regulatory Committee endorsed Paper A and agreed for this to be reported to Full Council to consider and approve.

The report requests the approval of a new Statement of Principles - Gambling Policy.

Under the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act), Somerset Council as Licensing Authority must determine a Statement of Principles describing how it will deal with matters pertaining to the Act. The statement represents a policy document and must be reviewed as necessary at intervals of at least three years.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 **Statement of Principles – Gambling Policy** – see Paper A and its appendices that the Licensing and Regulatory Committee considered and endorsed at its meeting in October 2023. (Appendix A has been amended to reflect the changes requested at the meeting.)

**The Council is recommended to approve the Statement of Principles – Gambling Policy.**

## **3. Options considered and consultation undertaken**

- 3.1 Options considered and details of consultation undertaken in respect of the recommendations set out above are set out in the reports and appendices within Paper A.

## **4. Implications**

- 4.1 The implications are set out in the report and appendices within Paper A.

## **5. Background Papers**

- 5.1 These are set out within Papers A and its appendices.