

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting15th November 2018

1. Title of Item/Report

Scrutiny Review of Gambling

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented the outcomes of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee's Review of Gambling.

The review was initiated in order to assess how gambling and gambling-related harm affected the residents of Stockton-on-Tees. A wide range of national and local organisations had provided evidence and guidance to inform the Committee's work.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The information gathered as part of the review be noted and the Authority continues to develop the local evidence base.
2. The Council should maintain an overview of pilot schemes in relation to preventing gambling related harm and other opportunities for learning from other Boroughs and national organisations.
3. A Local Area Profile should be produced to identify areas of greater or specific risks of gambling-related harm within the Borough.
4. Awareness of gambling-related harms, and available treatment and support organisations, be promoted within the Council, Clinical Commissioning Group and partner organisations. This should include training of frontline staff where appropriate;
5. Relevant Council and partner services providing services for those at particular risk of gambling-related harm should undertake screening of clients for problem and at-risk gambling where appropriate.
6. The Council and relevant local partners including the CCG should further develop the relationships with local and national problem gambling treatment providers;

7. As part of this work, consideration should be given to developing referral pathways where appropriate.
8. The Council should further consider the impact of gambling-related harms as part of suicide prevention programmes.
9. The Council should, by maximising existing mechanisms and resources, undertake promotional activity to promote safe gambling and reduce harm amongst the local community, ensuring this work engages with groups most vulnerable to harm as identified during this review.
10. Issues relating to gambling are addressed through risk and resilience work amongst children and young people.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The report presents the findings of the scrutiny review that took place as part of the agreed work programme for 2017-18 / 2018-19.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Ann McCoy declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 5 – Scrutiny Review of Gambling as she was a member of SDAIS.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 23 November 2018

Proper Officer
19 November 2018