

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

15 NOVEMBER 2018

**REPORT OF ADULT SOCIAL
CARE AND HEALTH SELECT
COMMITTEE**

CABINET DECISION

**Lead Cabinet Members – Adult Social Care and Health – Councillor Jim Beall
Access, Communities & Community Safety – Councillor Steve
Nelson**

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF GAMBLING

1. Summary

The attached report presents the outcomes of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee's review of Gambling.

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

2. Recommendations

The Committee recommends 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) a) 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;
b) 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.

- 5) a) The Council and relevant local partners including the CCG should further develop the relationships with local and national problem gambling treatment providers;
- b) As part of this work, consideration should be given to developing referral pathways where appropriate.
- 6) The Council should further consider the impact of gambling-related harms as part of suicide prevention programmes.
- 7) 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.
- 8) Issues relating to gambling are addressed through risk and resilience work amongst children and young people.

3. Reasons for the Recommendation(s)/Decision(s)

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. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members) should consider whether they have a personal interest in any item, as defined in **paragraphs 9 and 11** of the Council's code of conduct and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with and/or taking account of **paragraphs 12 - 17** of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 16** of the code, in any business of the Council he/she must then, **in accordance with paragraph 18** of the code, consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest and the business:-

- affects the members financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code, or
- relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the member or any person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code.

A Member with a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, may attend the meeting but must not take part in the consideration and voting upon the relevant item of business. However, a member with such an interest may make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to that business before the business is considered or voted on, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under a statutory right or otherwise (**paragraph 19** of the code)

Members may participate in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have an interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, where that interest relates to functions of the Council detailed in **paragraph 20** of the code.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

It is a criminal offence for a member to participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest (and where an appropriate dispensation has not been granted) **paragraph 21** of the code.

Members are required to comply with any procedural rule adopted by the Council which requires a member to leave the meeting room whilst the meeting is discussing a matter in which that member has a disclosable pecuniary interest (**paragraph 22** of the code)

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DETAIL

1. The attached report outlines the findings of the review of Gambling. The review was undertaken by Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee.
2. Following consideration by Cabinet, an action plan will be submitted to the Select Committee setting out how approved recommendations will be implemented detailing officers responsible for action and timescales.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

3. The review does not propose any significant changes to policies or service delivery, but does propose that actions should be taken to reduce gambling-related harm within the current framework of service delivery.
4. The review has identified that specific groups within the population are at higher risk of gambling-related harm. As shown in the review report, there are indications that Stockton-on-Tees Borough may have higher than average levels of at-risk and problem gambling due to these risk factors, and the recommendations propose a focus on engaging with these more vulnerable groups.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There are no significant financial implications.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no significant legal implications.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. This scrutiny review of Gambling is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

COUNCIL PLAN POLICY PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

8. The review and recommendations contribute to all four Policy Principles:
 - Protecting the vulnerable through targeted intervention, (including protection of the vulnerable; prevention/alleviation of financial insecurity)
 - Promoting equality of opportunity through targeted intervention (including identification and prevention of health inequalities)
 - Developing strong and healthy communities (including promotion of health and wellbeing)
 - Creating economic prosperity across the Borough (understanding the financial and economic impact of local gambling premises)

9. The review would impact on all aspects of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

10. The review recommendations include reference to ensuring children and young people receive appropriate education in relation to gambling as part of work on risk and resilience, and this would include Children in our Care.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

11. The review has been supported and informed by the Public Health and Licensing Teams throughout.
12. A range of stakeholders have contributed to meetings including: Gambling Commission, GamCare, Edinburgh-based charity Fast Forward, Leeds City Council, local colleges, Stockton District Advice and Information Service, NECA, and the Council's Welfare Support service.
13. The issues were discussed at the Stockton Youth Assembly, and the Public Health team undertook mapping work amongst organisations working with young people.
14. A survey was distributed amongst local service providers including housing providers, GP Practices, and Adult Services.
15. An LGA conference on Problem Gambling was attended, and the Grosvenor Casino at Chandler's Wharf was visited by Committee Members to understand their approach to responsible gambling. Submissions have been sought from national trade associations, with responses received from the Remote Gambling Association and Association of British Bookmakers (ABB).
16. The Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care and Health, and Access, Communities & Community Safety, were consulted on the findings and recommendations of the Select Committee.

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Background Papers: None

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