

REFERENCE TO THE COUNCIL – 17th JULY 2023

FROM THE LICENSING COMMITTEE – 3rd MAY 2023

CAMDEN'S STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2023 - 2026 UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

At its meeting on 3rd May 2023, the Licensing Committee considered a report of the Executive Director Supporting Communities in respect of Camden's Statement of Licensing Policy 2023-26 under the Gambling Act 2005 and the process the Council has followed to review and amend its current policy.

It was noted at the meeting that the policy had been updated to address changing legislation and concerns, and revised policies included displaying additional signage in gambling premises, ensuring that compliance letters were sent to gambling premises and scheduling inspections.

With regard to the cost-of-living crisis, it was reported that individuals who engaged in gambling were increasingly turning to gambling to supplement their income, particularly online gambling. Although there were no local regulations on online gambling, concerns had been shared with the Gambling Commission.

Following discussion of the report, it was **RESOLVED**:

THAT the Licensing Committee:

- i) Note the consultation responses to the proposed Statement of Gambling Policy; and
- ii) Recommend that Council approve and adopt the Statement of Gambling Policy 2023-2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves and adopts the Statement of Gambling Policy 2023-2026 for publication.

Councillor Jonathan Simpson MBE
Chair, Licensing Committee