

Isle of Anglesey County Council	
Report to:	Full Council
Date:	03/12/2024
Subject:	Statement of Gambling Policy 2025 – 2028
Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Nicola Roberts Planning, Public Protection and Climate Change
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Local Members:	

A –Recommendation/s and reason/s

Recommendation:

The Council is requested to adopt the Statement of Gambling Policy 2025-2028.

Executive summary:

Every three years the Gambling Act 2005, requires that the Council adopts a Statement of Gambling Policy. This Policy sets out how the Council will discharge its functions with regard to the regulation of gambling premises.

The Council's Public Protection Function is responsible for granting premises licences within the Isle of Anglesey in respect of:

1. Bingo halls;
2. Betting premises (including tracks);
3. Adult gaming centres; and
4. Family entertainment centres.

Issuing permits in respect of:

1. Unlicensed family entertainment centres;
2. Clubs;
3. Premises licenced to sell alcohol; and
4. Prize gaming.

The Council is also responsible for administering the siting of Gaming Machines within premises licensed to sell alcohol (where such machines fall outside of the licensing or permitting regimes).

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The above sets out some of the Council's key responsibilities under the Act.

The Act also establishes three key licensing objectives: (the "**Licensing Objectives**"):

1. preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime;
2. ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way; and
3. protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

The draft Policy will promote these three licensing objectives and aim to regulate gambling in the public interest.

The draft Policy has been produced in accordance with the Gambling Commission's guidance on 'form and content of the Policy'. Due to a review of the Gambling Act 2005, current Gambling Commission advice is to adopt the previous policy for the 2025 -2028 period. This will meet the Council's statutory obligation. The policy can then be assessed in the light of any changes resulting from the review.

The policy therefore remains the same with updated census information in the introduction.

B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?

It is a legal requirement that the Statement of Gambling Policy is adopted by the Council.

No other options are available.

C – Why is this a decision for the Council?

The policy forms part of the Council's Policy Framework as noted in the Constitution at 3.2.2.1.

Ch – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?

Yes.

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D – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?

Yes.

Dd – Assessing the potential impact (if relevant):

1	How does this decision impact on our long term needs as an Island?	Not relevant
2	Is this a decision which it is envisaged will prevent future costs / dependencies on the Authority? If so, how?	Not relevant
3	Have we been working collaboratively with other organisations to come to this decision? If so, please advise whom.	Consultation process undertaken with: North Wales Police. Gwynedd and Anglesey Community Safety Partnership. Betting and Gaming Council
4	Have Anglesey citizens played a part in drafting this way forward, including those directly affected by the decision? Please explain how.	Consultation process undertaken with organisations listed above
5	Note any potential impact that this decision would have on the groups protected under the Equality Act 2010.	None foreseen
6	If this is a strategic decision, note any potential impact that the decision would have on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.	Not relevant
7	Note any potential impact that this decision would have on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.	None foreseen

E – Who did you consult?

What did they say?

1	Chief Executive / Senior Leadership Team (SLT) (mandatory)	No comments
2	Finance / Section 151 (mandatory)	No comments
3	Legal / Monitoring Officer	No comments

E – Who did you consult?		What did they say?
	(mandatory)	
4	Human Resources (HR)	
5	Property	
6	Information Communication Technology (ICT)	
7	Procurement	
8	Scrutiny	
9	Local Members	

F - Appendices:

Gambling Policy Statement of Licensing Policy, Gambling Act 2005 2025 - 2028



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Ff - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):

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