

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 15 NOVEMBER 2018**

### **Recommendation to Council from the Licensing Committee held on 5 October 2018**

#### **L/18/5. Review of Gambling Act Policy**

The Service Manager for Public Protection presented the report on the Review of the Gambling Act Policy.

Points and comments included:

- The Council were legally obliged to review their policy every three years and update where necessary, in this case by January 2019.
- The policy could be reviewed again if this is considered necessary, at any time.
- The consultation had now closed and the Gambling Commission had advised that Central Bedfordshire was a low risk area.
- Some typographical errors were identified and would be amended prior to the policy being considered at Council on 15 November 2018 and then published on 31 December 2018 for adoption from 31 January 2019.
- Concerns were raised regarding slot machines and online gambling and whilst this was outside the scope of the policy, the Committee agreed to respond to consultation when addressed on a national scale

#### **RESOLVED**

**that the Committee approve the changes to the current Gambling Act Policy.**

#### ***RECOMMENDED to Council***

***that the revised Gambling Act Policy, as set out in Appendix A to the Licensing Committee minutes, be adopted.***