ARGYLL AND BUTE LICENSING BOARD – 25 June 2019

STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY 2019-2022

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Section 349 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 provides that a licensing authority shall before each successive three year period, prepare a statement of the principles they propose to apply with respect to the exercise of their functions under the Act during that period and publish a statement. The Licensing Authority may, during a three year period, review and revise their statement of their policy with respect to the exercise of their functions during the remainder of that period.
- 1.2 In preparing a statement the Licensing Authority requires to consult with:-
 - The Chief Constable
 - One or more persons who appear to represent the interests of people carrying an gambling business in the authority's area, and
 - One or more persons who appear to represent the interests of persons likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's functions under this act.
- 1.3 The present policy was published in December 2016 and is due to expire in December 2019. Accordingly a review of the policy statement is required.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Board agree to undertake a review of the Policy Statement.
- 2.2 As part of this review process, the Board agree to initiate a consultation exercise with a number of groups and organisations and that the deadline for consultation responses should be 19th August 2019.
- 2.3 That Board members consider areas that they consider should be reviewed and any proposals for amendments to the Policy.