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**ARGYLL AND BUTE LICENSING BOARD – 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**  
**REPORT BY CLERK TO THE BOARD**

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**STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY 2022-2025**

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**1. BACKGROUND**

1.1 Section 349 of the Gambling 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 last reviewed in 2019 and is due to expire in December 2022. Accordingly the Board at their meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 agreed to undertake a review of the policy statement.

- A)** As part of this review process, the Board agreed to initiate a consultation exercise with a number of groups and organisations as detailed in Appendix 1 and that the deadline for consultation responses was 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
- B)** The consultation period has now ended and no comments have been received.
- C)** If the revised policy is approved by the Licensing Board, the Licensing Board require to agree a date on which the revised policy will come into effect which must be at least 4 weeks after it has published a notice of intention to revise the policy. The notice of intention must be published on the Council's website and in one or more of the following; - a local newspaper, a local newsletter or circular or similar document, a public notice board in the principal office of the authority, a public notice board in one or more public libraries in the authority's area.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the Licensing Board approve the amendments to the policy (copy attached) as highlighted and agree that notice should be given of this intention on the Councils website and the public notice board at the Councils headquarters and the notice boards at each of the area offices and agree that the revised statement of gambling policy will come into effect on the 30 December 2022.

David Logan  
Clerk to the Board  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

## **APPENDIX 1**

1. Members of Argyll and Bute Licensing Board
2. Elected Members of Argyll and Bute Council
3. The Gambling Commission, Victoria Square House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B2 4BP
4. The Chief Constable, Police Scotland, 173 Pitt Street, Glasgow, G2 4JS
5. Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Bothwell Road, Hamilton, Lanarkshire, ML3 0EA
6. Head of Development & Economic Growth, Department of Development and Infrastructure Services, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT
7. Head of Children & Families, Community Services, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT
8. Argyll and Bute Child Protection Committee, Children & Families Section, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT
9. H M Revenue and Customs, Excise Processing Teams, BX9 1GL, United Kingdom
10. Associated Secretary, The Church of Scotland, 121 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4YN
11. The Chairman, British Casino Association, 38 Grosvenor Gardens, London, SW11 0EB
12. Association of British Bookmakers Limited, Regency House, 1-4 Warwick Street, London, W1B 5LT