

Y PWYLLGOR TRWYDDEDU

6 CHWEFROR 2025

ADOLYGIAD O'R POLISI GAMBLO

YR ARGYMHELLION / PENDERFYNIADAU ALLWEDDOL SYDD EU HANGEN:

Atodir crynodeb o'r ymatebion i'r ymgynghoriad.

Argymhellir :-

- Bod y Polisi Gamblo diwygiedig yn cael ei gymeradwyo.

Y RHESYMAU:

Mae'r Polisi Gamblo diwygiedig amgaeedig yn adlewyrchu canlyniadau'r ymgynghoriad a'r broses adolygu ac yn cydymffurfio â deddfwriaeth a chyfarwyddyd perthnasol.

Angen i'r Cabinet wneud penderfyniad

Oes - 17eg o Mawrth 2025

Angen i'r Cyngor wneud penderfyniad

Oes - 9fed o Ebrill 2025

YR AELOD CABINET SY'N GYFRIFOL AM:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LICENSING COMMITTEE

6TH FEBRUARY, 2025

REVIEW OF GAMBLING POLICY

Context

The current Gambling Policy was adopted by the authority in March 2022. The legislation requires it to be reviewed at least every three years to ensure that it reflects feedback from the local community that the statutory objectives are being met.

Consultation

As part of the review, the authority is required to undertake a consultation exercise aimed at the chief officer of Police, representatives of gambling businesses and persons representing the interests of residents and businesses in the area, in order for their views to be formally considered by the authority. The consultation began on the 27th of September 2024 and finished on the 10th of November 2024. During the consultation, details of the review, including a link to the online survey was included in the Council's newsletters to Residents, Businesses and Town and Community Councils. Consultation letters were e-mailed to licence holders and their representatives, members of parliament, members of the Senedd, county councillors and responsible authorities. The responsible authorities include, The Licensing Authority, Dyfed Powys Police, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Gambling Commission, Environmental Health (Pollution Section), Planning Authority, HMRC, Children Services.

Key issues :-

- No clear evidence that specific areas of the county are suffering with gambling related problems.
- The Gambling Commission have suggested to Licensing Authorities that since the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) are currently undertaking a review of the Gambling Act, no significant amendments should be made to Gambling Policies as part of the current review, apart from changes to reflect local issues.

- The authority has liaised with the licensing sections of, Pembrokeshire, Powys and Ceredigion licensing authorities, who are following the above advice from the Gambling Commission in relation to the review of their Gambling Policies.
- The current Gambling Policy review and consultation must be undertaken in order for Licensing Authorities to continue to have a Gambling Policy in force.
- The Gambling Commission have suggested that Licensing Authorities wait until the DCMS review is complete and then look to undertake a further consultation and review of their Gambling Policies to reflect any amendments to the legislation and associated codes of practice and regulations.

Review of the Gambling Policy document :-

The authority’s licensing section in conjunction with the council’s legal department have reviewed the policy document in light of the consultation responses and the Gambling Commission advice no significant amendments have been made to the attached Policy document.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES -

- **Review of Gambling Policy Consultation Report**
- **Gambling Policy 2025-2028**

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Ian Jones

Head of Leisure and Public Protection

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The proposed amendments to the Gambling Policy promote the prevention of crime and disorder. The Policy complies with the Authority's duty under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act.

2. Legal

Legal services are satisfied that the proposed amendments comply with the Gambling Act 2005 and the statutory guidance issued by the Gambling Commission.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Ian Jones

Head of Leisure and Public Protection

1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination

NO

2. Local Member(s)

Local Members were consulted through correspondence.

3. Community / Town Council

Town and Community Councils were consulted through correspondence.

4. Relevant Partners

Relevant partners were consulted through correspondence and consultation meetings.

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

N/A

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**

The cabinet member has been consulted as part of the policy review.

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Consultation Responses	Review of Gambling Policy 2024	3, Spilman Street, Carmarthen
Gambling Commission Guidance	Review of Gambling Policy 2024	3, Spilman Street, Carmarthen