MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

11 DECEMBER 2018

REFERENCE FROM THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

Statement of Licensing Principles for Gambling Act 2005 2019-2022

At its meeting held on 22 November 2018 the Licensing Committee considered a report from the Head of Housing and Community Services which provided details of the responses received from a consultation exercise undertaken on the draft Statement of Gambling Policy. The 12 week consultation took place between 6 August 2018 and 28 October 2018 and received three responses.

All Licensing Authorities are required under Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 to prepare and publish a statement of licensing principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under the Act during the three year period to which the Statement of Gambling Principles applies.

Section 155 states that this function may not be delegated from Council and so the Licensing Committee is recommending the proposed document following consideration of consultation responses and resulting amendments to Communities, Housing and Environment Committee for onward recommendation to Council for adoption.

Attached at Appendix A to this Reference is a copy of the report that was presented to the Licensing Committee. Appendix B is a copy of the Statement of Principles with track changes for ease of reference.

RESOLVED: That the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee recommend the amended Statement of Principles to Council (as attached at Appendix B) for adoption.