

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	REDUCING GAMBLING-RELATED HARMS IN SOUTHAMPTON - SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	A WHOLE PLACE APPROACH TO REDUCING GAMBLING-RELATED HARMS
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	19 DECEMBER 2024
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	SCRUTINY MANAGER

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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	
None	
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>	
In accordance with the Inquiry Plan, at the second meeting of the inquiry the Panel will be considering the importance of adopting a whole place approach to reducing gambling-related harms in Southampton.	
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>	
	(i) The Panel is recommended to consider the comments made by the invited guests and use the information provided as evidence in the review.
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
1.	To enable the Panel to compile a file of evidence in order to formulate findings and recommendations at the end of the review process.
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>	
2.	None
<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>	
3.	At the inaugural meeting of the inquiry, Professor Chamberlain referenced the range of factors that can influence gambling-related harms. This was developed by Jennifer Clynes, Public Health Specialty Registrar, who, when summarising key findings from the draft Reducing Gambling Related Harms in Southampton Needs Assessment, identified that simply utilising approaches addressed at supporting individuals was unlikely to reduce the occurrence of harmful gambling in the population and may exacerbate health inequalities due to differing engagement abilities between groups. This led Jennifer to conclude that tackling gambling-related harms requires a broad and

	coordinated response, involving individual, community and place-based action.
4.	At the 19 December meeting the importance of adopting a broad and co-ordinated approach to reducing gambling-related harms will be explored in detail. This will be supported by examples of local areas in the UK that have been applying this approach to reduce gambling-related harms in their communities.
	<b>Invited guests</b>
5.	<p>To outline why a ‘whole place’ approach to reducing gambling harms is required, and to provide insight into the application of this approach in the UK, a number of guests have been invited to present at the second meeting of the inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>Professor Heather Wardle</b> - Professor of Gambling Research and Policy at the University of Glasgow.</p> <p>Professor Wardle is a specialist in gambling research, policy and practice and is currently co-director of Gambling Research Glasgow and is leading the Lancet Public Health Commission on Gambling. Her research focuses on understanding the impact of gambling on people's lives and devising solutions.</p> <p>Professor Wardle has nearly twenty years’ experience designing, implementing and analysing some of Britain's largest studies of health and wellbeing, including the Health Survey for England and the British Gambling Prevalence Survey.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Alice Beadle</b> – Public Health Specialist: Gambling Harms in the North East</p> <p>The Association of Directors of Public Health in the North East (ADPH North East) are working to develop a regional approach to tackle the harm caused by gambling across the north east of England. ADPH North East have received funding in the form of a regulatory settlement to support this programme of work.</p> <p>Alice Beadle is a Public Health Specialist who is helping to co-ordinate the work of the Gambling Harms Network - <a href="#">Gambling   North East</a> and will outline the key actions taken since the network commenced in 2023 and their plans for the future.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Matt Smith</b> – Director of External Affairs at Betknowmore UK</p> <p>Established in December 2013, <a href="#">Betknowmore</a> UK’s mission is to address gambling related harm in UK communities. They are a leading provider of gambling support and training services.</p> <p>Matt will be informing the Panel of the work that Betknowmore UK are undertaking with the London Borough of Islington to reduce gambling-related harms.</p> </li> </ul>

	Betknowmore UK's Research, Education, Treatment and Prevention of Gambling Related Harms activity is currently partly financed through a levy upon gambling operators.
6.	The invited guests will take questions from the Panel relating to the evidence provided. Subject to agreement from the presenters, copies of any presentations will be made available to the Panel and will be published on the Inquiry Panel's pages on the Council website: <a href="#">Browse meetings - Scrutiny Inquiry Panel - Reducing Gambling-Related Harms in Southampton   Southampton City Council</a>
7.	Nationally, Greater Manchester Combined Authority is recognised as leading the way in the development of a whole place approach to gambling harms. For reference, attached as Appendix 1, is Greater Manchester Combined Authority's Gambling Harms Action Plan 2023-2026.
8.	At the 19 November meeting of the inquiry emerging findings from the draft needs assessment were presented. The final <a href="#">Gambling Related Harms in Southampton Needs Assessment</a> has now been published and the information contained within it can be utilised to inform the inquiry.
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue/Property/Other</u></b>	
9.	Resources to support the scrutiny review will come from existing budgets.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
10.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>	
11.	None
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>	
12.	None
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>	
13.	None
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	No
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	None
<b><u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u></b>	
<b>Appendices</b>	
1.	Greater Manchester Gambling Harms Action Plan
<b>Documents In Members' Rooms</b>	
1.	None
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>	

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out?		No
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>		
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?		No
<b>Other Background Documents</b>		
<b>Other Background documents available for inspection at:</b>		
<b>Title of Background Paper(s)</b>	<b>Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential</b>	
1.	Gambling Related Harms in Southampton Needs Assessment - <a href="https://data.southampton.gov.uk/health/health-behaviours/gambling-related-harms/">Gambling-related harms</a> - <a href="https://data.southampton.gov.uk/health/health-behaviours/gambling-related-harms/">https://data.southampton.gov.uk/health/health-behaviours/gambling-related-harms/</a>	