

Gambling harms in Glasgow – Update noted.

3 With reference to the minutes of 10th August 2023 (Print 3, page 71) noting an update on the multi-agency Gambling Related Harms Group and progress to embed a whole systems approach to tackle gambling harms across Glasgow, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing an update on further progress, advising

- (1) that a Local Action Plan had been developed and published in March 2023 as an output of a 3-year pathfinder project funded by Public Health Scotland and had been based on continuing collaboration with third sector partners, community planning partners, academics and those with experience of gambling harms;
- (2) of the progress of Glasgow's Whole Systems Local Action Plan and work that had been undertaken to promote awareness of gambling harms;
- (3) of the recent learning and evidence that had been captured by the University of Glasgow Gambling Research Group who had analysed gambling from various perspectives, particularly its effect on vulnerable groups and that of Local Gambling Harms intelligence captured and reported by partners;
- (4) of the developments that had been made by both the Scottish and UK Governments in tackling gambling harms and the Scottish Government's establishment of a Working Group on Gambling Harms in October 2024 in response to advocacy efforts;
- (5) of the UK Government's response and confirmation of a Gambling Levy on 27th November 2024 and the consultation which proposed the distribution of funding split; and
- (6) of a recent rapid evidence review which had been undertaken by Gambleaware that had recommended more bespoke treatments for gambling harms and that Glasgow could be developed as a Centre of Excellence and a regional hub for a multi-agency treatment response, but this would depend on funding, treatment model options and planning that would be required across the National Health Service system and partners.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the work and conveyed its support for the continued action and local levy planning to tackle gambling related harm; and
- (b) agreed
 - (i) to continue engagement with the Scottish Government and national bodies;
 - (ii) to support that the UK Government, review the Gambling Act and ensure Glasgow was fairly funded to address gambling harms; and

- (iii) that the Chief Executive would write to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the Minister for Gambling to seek funding assurance to enable a planned public health approach locally to reduce gambling harms in the city.