

WELLBEING, EQUALITIES, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 13th August 2026.

Wellbeing, Equalities, Communities, Culture and Engagement City Policy Committee.

Present: Linda Pike (Chair), Laura Doherty (substitute for Annette Christie), Stephen Dornan, Sharon Greer, Fiona Higgins, Mhairi Hunter, Kevin Lalley (substitute for Ann Jenkins), Angus Millar, Jon Molyneux, Robert Mooney, Eva Murray and Roza Salih.

Apologies: Annette Christie and Ann Jenkins.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); C Edgar, Director of Communication and Corporate Governance; F Moss, for the Chief Executive; C MacKenzie, G McNaught, for the Director of Legal and Administration; J Ashcroft, for the Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and L Smith, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership;

Glasgow Gambling harms annual report – Update noted.

1 With reference to the minutes of 17th April 2025 (Print 1, page 72) noting the work and support of the continued action and local levy planning to tackle gambling related harm, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing an update, advising

- (1) that in April 2025 a statutory Gambling Levy was introduced by the UK Government, which required licensed gambling operators to contribute a proportion of their profits to fund independent action to address gambling-related harm and that the introduction of the Gambling Levy had been a major focus of local multi-agency work over the past year;
- (2) that the Council on behalf of Glasgow Community Planning Partnership had submitted a substantial bid and had now been successfully awarded £3.44m over 3 years to deliver 'The Glasgow Project' which was a citywide public-health response to gambling harms and of the timeline, implementation and of the priorities for 2026/27, as detailed in the report;
- (3) of the introduction of the Scottish Gambling Levy, of the policy and legislative developments and that the Council would continue to advocate for legislative change to strengthen enforcement powers, increase local influence over gambling premises decisions, and recognise gambling harms as a public health issue; and
- (4) of the opportunity to join a Global Football Tournament counteracting gambling harms campaign named 'Odds On: They Win' led by CAN Digital (Council Advertising Network), through links and relationships across the

wider partnership within Glasgow and that a local agreement on a consistent approach to treatment and support had been established, including key messages from the campaign toolkit that had been selected and shared across partners and social media platforms, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted the background to the Gambling Levy funding received for the Glasgow Project and of the Glasgow Project Development Phase timeline and implementation.