

MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

7.1 GAMBLING POLICY 2019/21

A report is submitted seeking the Council's approval of the Gambling Policy 2019-21.

A copy of the full report is attached, along with the relevant minute extracts from the Neighbourhood Services and Community Involvement Scrutiny Commission held on 17th October 2018 and the Licensing and Public Safety Committee held on 23rd October 2018.

The Council is recommended to approve the revised Gambling Policy for 2019-21.

7.2 COUNCIL TAX EMPTY PROPERTY PREMIUM

A report is submitted seeking the Council's consideration to adopt new premiums for properties empty and unfurnished for two years or more under new powers granted from April 2019.

The Council is recommended to:

- adopt the Empty Homes Premium increase to 100% for homes empty for more than two years from 2019/20, to 200% for homes empty for more than five years from 2020/21, and to 300% for homes empty for more than ten years from 2021/22 from 1st April 2019,
- to include a mandatory exemption for Armed Forces personnel supporting the Council's Armed Forces Covenant,
- to note that should Parliament determine any further mandatory exemptions to the empty homes premium provisions then the council would be obliged to comply.

Sir Peter Soulsby
City Mayor