

Notice of Motion

Motion to be moved by Councillor A. Collinson:

Council notes that the Labour Government committed to reducing “gambling-related harm” in their 2024 manifesto. That in October, 2024, the Government replied to a question saying that it was “considering the best available evidence from a wide range of sources” to inform decisions on how to fulfil its manifesto commitment and they would provide further updates soon. It was noted in a House of Lords committee meeting that the gambling industry spends in excess of £1.5bn on advertising, and that the industry wouldn’t spend this sum unless it was going to return a profit.

Council further notes that local authorities play a vital role in helping those affected by gambling (the individual, family and friends). That the effects of gambling are wide reaching including mental ill-health, financial difficulties, loss of job, homes and relationships. That the marketing of gambling plays a key role in the number of people taking part and the way they engage with gambling.

Council welcomes and thanks officers for building the “Gambling Among Young People” report, but notes that there appears to be no local knowledge due to the lack of data and recording. That this appears to be the case across the country, not just an issue in Hull. An issue that needs a national approach to recording data, so Local Authorities can have a data informed approach.

Council believes that the Government needs to move more quickly on bringing forward changes to the laws regulating gambling and marketing of gambling.

Council believes that there should be a national solution to this problem. That the solution should involve regulations such as restricting gambling advertising; implementing effective affordability checks; establishing a gambling ombudsman; introduce a compulsory levy on gambling companies to fund research, prevention and treatment, and taking tough action against black market gambling.

Council requests that the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and Public Health write to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport detailing this motion and requesting that the Government’s plan to reduce gambling related harm and better regulate gambling marketing rules, be presented as soon as possible.

Sources:

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