

APPENDIX C

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 obligation

Under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Council is under a statutory duty to do all that it can to prevent crime and disorder within its administrative area. It is mindful of national concerns that licensed premises can be used for criminal activity such as drug dealing or money laundering. The Council shall work in partnership with licence holders, local businesses, responsible authorities and local communities to promote licensing objectives.

Equality and Diversity - obligations for non-discrimination under the Equality Act 2010

The Council is mindful of its obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and through policy and service delivery shall look to eliminate unlawful discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and promote good relations between diverse communities.

Roles of Gambling Commission (Personal and Operator Licences) and licensing authority (premises licence)

In order for a business to undertake activity covered by the Gambling Act 2005, they are required to hold a personal licence and operator licence (which are issued by the Gambling Commission) together with a premises licence which is issued by the Council in accordance with the licensing objectives.

At present, the Council has issued 22 premises licenses in total (consisting of 2 for Bingo, 15 Betting Shops and 5 Adult Gaming Centres).

Conditions of premises licence (mandatory/standard conditions)

The conditions placed on a premises licence shall consist of the mandatory and standard conditions unless other conditions are required to promote the licensing objectives.

Corporate Objectives

The adopted Halton Borough Council Corporate Plan 2024-29 includes three corporate objectives - Building a Strong Sustainable Local Economy, Supporting Children, Young People and Families and Tackling Inequality/helping those who are most in need. These are relevant to the issue of gambling and the need to ensure that the process for issuing Premises Licences should be both efficient and effective.