

Decision Maker: CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES POLICY
DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 14 March 2023

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: GAMBLING SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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Chief Officer: Director of Children, Education and Families

Ward: All Wards

1. Reason for decision/report and options

- 1.1 Following an approach from a local resident (who is the regional lead for [Young People's Gambling Harm Prevention Programme](#) at [GamCare](#)) offering free training to councillors on gambling related harm, Cllr Gabbert requested an information briefing for PDS on the issue.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 That the PDS Committee notes the content of this report and proposed next steps.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Children and young people are exposed to gambling activities and gambling-style features from a young age (television, football stadiums, online games). Gambling-style behaviours that are present when playing online games will be far more common with under 18s than the national data shows for more traditional forms of gambling. The Children's Commissioner has warned that monetisation is where online gaming starts to look less like 'play' and more like gambling.
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Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable:
 2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority (delete as appropriate):
(1) For children and young People to grow up, thrive and have the best life chances in families who flourish and are happy to call Bromley home.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre:
 4. Total current budget for this head: £
 5. Source of funding:
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: Information Briefing
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: N/A
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Property

1. Summary of Property Implications: N/A
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Carbon Reduction and Social Value

1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications: N/A
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users or customers (current and projected): N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 This report includes: an outline of gambling and associated harms for children and young people; local and national data; gaming and links to gambling; supporting prevention in Bromley; training opportunities and support for young people's problem gambling.
- 3.2 The report concludes that gambling and gaming among children and young people very rarely comes to the attention of statutory safeguarding services in Bromley. The harms most likely to affect children and young people arise from gaming online where gambling-like behaviours can start early. Focusing on preventative work is key and universal services are best placed to support this.

4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

As above

Non-Applicable Headings:	Transformation and Policy/Financial/Personnel/Legal/Procurement/Property and Carbon Reduction and Social Value Implications; Customer Impact; Ward Councillor Views.
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Young People and Gambling Harms