

Record of Officer Decision

Torbay Lottery Game Rule Changes

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Chief Executive on 03 August 2023

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

A White Paper entitled 'High Stakes: Gambling Reform for the Digital Age' set out a number of changes to make gambling safer and protect young people from harm. One of the recommendations was to make the minimum player age for the local authority lotteries from 16 to 18 by no later than 1 October 2023. The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services, has reviewed the game Rules of the Torbay Lottery and amended them to make the minimum player age 18 by no later than 1 October 2023 to ensure compliance with the White Paper.

The Torbay Lottery is managed by Gatherwell Ltd and they will ensure that the changes to the Rules for the Torbay Lottery are fully implemented on behalf of Torbay Council by the deadline. Torbay Council will also submit a return to the Gambling Commission to confirm compliance against the requirements of the White Paper in respect of age restrictions.

Decision Taken:

That the revised Rules of Torbay Lottery attached to this Record of Decision be approved.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

To respond to the White Paper 'High Stakes: Gambling Reform for the Digital Age' to make the minimum player age for the Torbay Lottery from 16 to 18 by no later than 1 October 2023.

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:

None

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:

None

Implementation:

This decision will come into force immediately to enable Gatherwell Ltd to update the Torbay Lottery Rules by no later than 1 October 2023.

A copy of this decision and any supporting documentation considered by the Officer taking this decision may also be available for inspection by the public at the Council's offices or posted upon payment of any copying and postage charges. Any member of the public wishing to take up either of these options is asked to please ring (01803) 207087 or email governance.support@torbay.gov.uk

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chief Executive Torbay Council