Reducing Harm from Gambling Action Plan 2022-2030

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The Reducing Harm from Gambling Action Plan outlines Council's response to key actions contained in the Gambling Policy 2022-2030. An annual progress report on each action will be developed.

| | Gambling Policy Action | Timeframe | Council Response |
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| | Under the requirements for local government outlined in the <i>Gambling Regulation Act</i> 2003, undertake a social impact assessment of applications to the Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission (VGCCC) for an increase in EGMs at new and existing venues in the City of Maribyrnong. (1.1) | ← Annual → | Provide a social impact assessment to the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission (VGCCC) within 60 days, as outlined in the <i>Gambling Regulation Act</i> . |
| | Assess planning applications for gaming venues under the Gaming Policy outlined in the Maribyrnong Planning Scheme. (Note: This planning policy only applies to new venues under Clause 52.28-4, of the Maribyrnong Planning Scheme). (1.2) | ← Annual → | Work in partnership with City Places team to assess applications for new gaming venues in the City of Maribyrnong. |
| \bigotimes | Oppose gaming license applications in neighbouring municipalities if they have a negative impact on City of Maribyrnong residents. (1.4) | ← Annual → | Determine if gaming application in neighbouring municipalities are going to have a negative impact on local residents and provide written responses to the Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission (VGCCC) within required timeframes. |
| | Advocate for changes to regulation and design of EGMs operating in Victoria. (2.3) | ← Annual → | Participate in Alliance for Gambling Reform (AGR) campaigns for changes to the regulation and design of machines. |
| | Advocate for changes to the number and location of EGMs in the City of Maribyrnong. (2.3) | ← Annual → | Participate in Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), Local Government Working Group on Gambling (LGWGOG) and Alliance for Gambling Reform (AGR) campaigns and activities to advocate for a reduction in Maribyrnong EGM cap and highlight the harm caused by EGM venues in convenient locations or in areas of high social and economic disadvantage. |

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| | Advocate for a ban on sports betting advertising on television and live stream services in Victoria in alignment with the Alliance for Gambling Reform position. (2.4) | ← Annual → | Participate in Alliance for Gambling Reform campaigns on sports betting and highlight the impacts of sports betting in the Gambling Fact Sheets. |
| | Update Gambling Fact Sheets on an annual basis to include new information on local EGM losses, other gambling data and gambling harm research. (2.6) | ← Annual → | Updated Gambling Fact Sheets published on Council website and circulated to stakeholders. |
| | Advocate for increased investment in research on the social and economic impacts of gambling on individuals, their families and local communities. (2.7) | ← Annual → | Highlight social and economic and health and wellbeing impacts of gambling in alignment with Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan. |
| | Advocate for increased investment in research on the health and wellbeing impacts of gambling including research into family violence, mental and physical health impacts. (2.8) | Annual — | Highlight family violence, mental and physical health impacts of gambling in alignment with Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan. |
| | Continue to work with local sports clubs to implement and promote the Love the Game Sporting Club Program. (3.2) | ← Annual → | Provide progress report on Council's support for the program. |
| \bigotimes | Do not approve gambling promotional material in Council- owned facilities or on Council's websites (with the exception of any gaming venue located in a Council- owned building). (3.6) | ← Ongoing → | Monitor and take corrective action across Council's facilities and websites to ensure gambling promotional material is not used. |
| \bigotimes | Council will not host events or community activities at gaming venues. (3.7) | ← Annual → | Monitor and take corrective action across Council's programs and services to ensure that activities do not take place in gaming venues. |

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