

Report to Licensing Committee

Agenda
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Meeting Date: 24th February 2016
 Portfolio: Finance, Governance and Resources
 Key Decision: Not Applicable:
 Within Policy and
 Budget Framework NO
 Public / Private Public

Title: GAMBLING ACT 2005 - UPDATE
 Report of: Director of Governance
 Report Number: GD 12/16

Purpose / Summary:

Local Authorities assumed responsibility for issuing premises licences under the Gambling Act 2005 on 1st September 2007. This report gives an update on the current position regarding applications made under this legislation.

Recommendations:

Members are requested to note the information.

Tracking

Executive:	n/a
Overview and Scrutiny:	n/a
Council:	n/a

This report is presented to give an update on the Council's current position under the Gambling Act 2005.

1.0 **BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Gambling Act 2005 took effect on 1st September 2007, from which date this Council assumed responsibility for administering premises licences.
- 1.2 The main thrust of the legislation was that Local Authorities took over the responsibility for licensing gambling premises from the Licensing Justices. The Gambling Commission has responsibility for licensing operators and personal licence holders.

2.0 **LICENCE FIGURES - as at 17th September 2015**

2.1 **Adult Gaming Centres**

Previous Report	0
Current Licences	0
Surrendered/revoked	5

2.2 **Betting Premises (other than track)**

Previous Report	17
Current Licences	17
Surrendered/revoked	5

2.3 **Betting Premises (Track)**

Previous Report	2
Current Licences	1
Surrendered/revoked	1 (Carlisle United)

2.4 **Bingo Premises**

Previous Report	3
Current Licences	3
Surrendered/revoked	0

2.5 **Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre**

Previous Report	2
Current Licences	2
Surrendered/revoked	0

3.0 **OTHER LICENCES**

3.1 **Club Gaming Permit**

These are granted to member's clubs to permit specifically the playing of chemin de fer (the original version of the card game baccarat) and pontoon (not blackjack) and to charge higher participation fees. The permit also allows the use of a variety of gaming machines including category B3.

Previous Report	8
Current Report	7
Surrendered/revoked	1 (UpperbyMens)

3.2 **Club Machine Permit**

Granted to Member's clubs to permit the use of gaming machines (as above) only.

Previous Report	6
Current Report	6
Surrendered/revoked	5

3.3 **Alcohol Premises - GamingMachine Permits/Notifications**

These are granted to alcohol licensed premises. Under the Gambling Act premises must give a notification of 2 machines or less, or a Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit for 3 or more machines, both of which last indefinitely (with certain conditions).

Notifications	86
LPGMP	17 (Licensed Premises Gaming machine permit)

3.4 **Small Society Lottery Registration**

Small Society Lottery Registrations are issued to charities or sports clubs who wish to raise money for their organisation where there is no private gain.

Previous Report 190

Current Registrations 194

4.0 CURRENT ISSUES

4.1 Licensing Officers are currently undertaking visits to all Club Premises to ensure compliance certificates and conditions attached.

4.2 Work is also still being undertaken to ensure any 'crane grab' machines are correctly licensed under their permits as Category D machines, as now recommended by the Gambling Commission.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to note this report.

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**Appendices None
attached to report:**

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS/RISKS:

Chief Executive's –None

Community Engagement – None

Economic Development – None

Governance – None

Local Environment – None

Resources –None