

Report to Licensing Committee

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Meeting Date: 8th June, 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 35/16

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

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| 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 26th May 2016**

2.1 **Adult Gaming Centres**

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| Previous Report | 0 |
| Current Licences | 0 |
| Surrendered/revoked | 5 |

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

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| Previous Report | 17 |
| Current Licences | 17 |
| Surrendered/revoked | 5 |

2.3 **Betting Premises (Track)**

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

2.4 **Bingo Premises**

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| Previous Report | 3 |
| Current Licences | 3 |
| Surrendered/revoked | 0 |

2.5 **Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre**

(These are premises with an unlimited amount of Category D machines)

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|---------------------|---|
| Previous Report | 2 |
| Current Licences | 2 |
| Surrendered/revoked | 0 |

Our two premises are:

LazerQuest&

AMF Bowling, (who also have a 'notification of intent' which allows them two category C machines, as well as a premise licence to serve alcohol)

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.

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| Previous Report | 8 |
| Current Report | 8 |
| Surrendered/revoked | 0 |

3.2 **Club Machine Permit**

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

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| Previous Report | 6 |
| Current Report | 6 |
| Surrendered/revoked | 5 |

3.3 Alcohol Premises - Gaming Machine 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).

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| 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.

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| Previous Report | 191 |
| Current Registrations | 182 |

4.0 CURRENT ISSUES

- 4.1 Licensing Officers have still to undertake visits to Family Entertainment Premises to ensure correct category of machines are in place. This has been delayed from the last report due to the Licensing section undergoing an internal audit.

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