

# CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

**Report to:-** The Chairman and Members of the Licensing Committee

**Date of Meeting:-** 10 August 2011

**Agenda Item No:-**

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**Public**

**Operational**

**Delegated Yes**

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**Accompanying Comments and Statements**

**Required**

**Included**

Cumbria Fire Service

No

No

Cumbria Constabulary

No

No

Environmental Services

No

No

Planning Services

No

No

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**Title:-** GAMBLING ACT 2005 UPDATE

**Report of:-** ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE

**Report reference:-** GD 46/11

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**Summary:-**

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

**Recommendation:-**

Members are requested to note the information.

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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:- Records of Licence applications

## **To the Chairman and Members of the Licensing Committee on 10 August 2011**

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

### **1.0 BACKGROUND**

1.1 The Gambling Act 2005 took effect on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1 August 2011**

#### **2.1 Adult Gaming Centres**

Previous Report	4
Current Licences	4
Surrendered	1

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

Previous Report	20
Current Licences	20

#### **2.3 Betting Premises (Track)**

Previous Report	2
Current Licences	2

#### **2.4 Bingo Premises**

Previous Report	3
Current Licences	3

#### **2.5 Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre**

Previous Report	1
Current Licences	1

### **3.0 OTHER LICENCES**

#### **3.1 Club Gaming Permit**

Granted to member's clubs to permit specifically the playing of chemin de fer 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	7
Current Report	7

### 3.2 Club Machine Permit

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

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Current Report	10

### 3.3 Gaming Machine Permits

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	90
LPGMP	14

### 3.5 Small Lottery Licences

These permits have been the responsibility of local authorities for many years and come under the new legislation with effect 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007. They are usually issued to charities or sports clubs where there is no private gain.

Previous Report	207
Current Registrations	210

## 4.0 CURRENT ISSUES

4.1 As ongoing enforcement, officers are visiting local gambling premises to meet managers and answer any queries under the new legislation. We are also carrying out inspections, many in conjunction with the regional Compliance Manager from the Gambling Commission.

4.2 There have been a number of changes in the legislation recently, the most notable being that the stakes have been amended for category B3 machines and Bingo and Adult Gaming Centre Premises may now have up to 20% of their machines as category B3.

## 5.0 OPTIONS

5.1 Members are requested to note the report.

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