

Report to Licensing Committee

Agenda
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Meeting Date: 12 February 2014
 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 06/14

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 31 January 2014**

2.1 **Adult Gaming Centres**

Previous Report	0
Current Licences	0
Surrendered	5

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

Previous Report	20
Current Licences	20
Surrendered	2

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	2
Current Licences	2

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	8
Current Report	8

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
Cancelled	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).

Notifications	89
LPGMP	14

3.5 **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	195
Current Registrations	195

4.0 **CURRENT ISSUES**

- 4.1 As ongoing enforcement, officers are visiting local gambling premises to meet managers and answer any queries under the legislation. We are also carrying out inspections, with the Compliance Manager from the Gambling Commission.
- 4.2 National increase in stake and prizes for category 'C' gaming machines.

5 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