

Report to Licensing Committee

Agenda
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Meeting Date: 14th July 2021
Portfolio: Finance, Governance and Resources
Key Decision: No
Within Policy and Budget Framework: No
Public / Private: Public

Title: GAMBLING ACT 2005 - UPDATE
Report of: Director of Governance and Regulatory Services
Report Number: GD.43/21

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 licences, permits and applications made under this legislation.

Recommendations:

1. Members are requested to note the information.

Tracking

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| Executive: | NA |
| Scrutiny: | NA |
| Council: | NA |

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 LICENCE FIGURES - as at 24th June 2021

2.1 Premises

| | Adult Gaming Centres | Betting Premises (non-track) | Betting Premises (Track) | Bingo Premises | Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--|
| Previous Report | 0 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Current Report | 1 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Surrendered/Revoked in reporting period | - | 1 | - | - | - |

2.2 Gaming Machines

| | Club Gaming Permit | Club Machine Permit | Notification of Gaming Machines | Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Previous Report | 5 | 5 | 51 | 14 |
| Current Report | 5 | 5 | 53 | 15 |
| Surrendered/Revoked in reporting period | - | - | - | - |

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.

Club Machine Permit

Granted to Member's clubs to permit the use of gaming machines including category B3.

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).

2.3 Small Society Lottery Registrations

Small society lotteries do not require a licence but must be registered with the local authority in the area where the principal office of the society is located. Society lotteries are promoted for the benefit of a non-commercial society.

Current Registrations 196

5 Recommendations

Members are requested to note the information.

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Appendices attached to report: **None**

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:

- **None**

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL - None

FINANCE – None

EQUALITY – None

INFORMATION GOVERNANCE – None