

# Report to Licensing Committee

Agenda  
Item:

**A.2**

Meeting Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 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.34/21

**Purpose / 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 licences, permits and applications made under this legislation.

**Recommendations:**

1. Members are requested to note the information.

**Tracking**

Executive:	<b>NA</b>
Scrutiny:	<b>NA</b>
Council:	<b>NA</b>

## 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 LICENCE FIGURES - as at 14<sup>th</sup> April 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	0	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	77	18
Current Report	5	5	51	14
Surrendered/Revoked in reporting period	-	-	27*	-

\*Officers undertook an audit of notifications and cancelled 27. A notification should be cancelled when the premises licence is transferred.

#### 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            194

## **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**