

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

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

Date of Meeting:- 17 October 2012

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

Title:- **GAMBLING ACT 2005 UPDATE**

Report of:- **DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE**

Report reference:- **GD 52/12**

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.

Recommendation:-

Members are requested to note the report.

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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 17 October 2012

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 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 8 October 2012

2.1 Adult Gaming Centres

Previous Report	2
Current Licences	0
Surrendered	5

2.2 Betting Premises (other than track)

Previous Report	19
Current Licences	20
Surrendered	1

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	7
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	8
Current Report	8
Surrendered	2

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	81
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 1st September 2007. They are usually issued to charities or sports clubs where there is no private gain.

Previous Report	199
Current Registrations	201

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.

5.0 GAMBLING POLICY

5.1 In accordance with the Gambling Act 2005, licensing authorities are required to publish a statement of the principles which they propose to apply when exercising their functions. This statement must be published at least every three years. We consulted on a draft policy between 2nd July and 24th September 2012.

5.2 A Gambling Policy Working Group was formed and their recommendations are subject of a separate report.

6.0 **OPTIONS**

6.1 Members are requested to note the report.

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