

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 27 JUNE 2011

GAMBLING ACT 2005 – ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the regulatory activity undertaken by the Council in 2010/11 with regard to the Gambling Act 2005.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF DECISION

- 2.1 Members are requested to note the contents of the report.

3.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Under the Gambling Act 2005, Sunderland City Council has responsibility for licensing premises which provide facilities for gambling within its area. This encompasses the determination, grant, administration and enforcement of premises licences, gaming permits, lottery registration, occasional use notices and temporary use notices.

4.0 CURRENT POSITION

Premises Licences

- 4.1 There are currently 83 premises licences in force in Sunderland. These premises licences can be further distinguished by the type of gambling provided at the premises as follows:

Type of Gambling Premises	Number in Sunderland
Adult Gaming Centres	18
Betting Shops	57
Bingo Premises	4
Casino	1
Family Entertainment Centres	2
Track Betting	1

- 4.2 In 2010/11 the Licensing Section processed two applications for the grant of a new premises licence in respect of betting shops. The section also processed one application for a variation to a Bingo premises licence.

Gaming Permits

- 4.3 Gaming Permits are required when premises provide a gambling facility but either the stakes and prizes are very low or gambling is not the main function of the premises. Permits can be further distinguished by the type of gambling provided at the premises as follows:

Type of Permit	Number in Sunderland
Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machines	6
Prize Gaming	1
Club Machines	51
Alcohol licensed premises (two or less gaming machines)	182
Alcohol licensed premises (three or more gaming machines)	33

Lottery Registration

- 4.4 There are currently 100 societies registered with the Council to run lotteries.

Responsible Authority Group

- 4.5 Throughout the year the Licensing Section arranged meetings of the Council's Licensing Act Responsible Authority Group. The group met on a fortnightly basis and its membership consists of representatives from all of the responsible authorities. The remit of the group is to look at applications which are currently under consideration, consider temporary event notices received, discuss enforcement issues and exchange information between officers of the group.

Inspections

- 4.6 In 2010/11 officers from the Licensing Section carried out 277 inspections of licensed gambling premises in order to ensure that operators are complying with their licence conditions.

5.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 5.1 To advise Members of the current position within the Council's area with regard to the Gambling Act 2005.

6.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 None.

7.0 RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 None.

8.0 GLOSSARY

- 8.1 None.

9.0 LIST OF APPENDICIES

- 9.1 None.

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.