
Gambling Act Fees – Supporting Information

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 Councils were designated as Licensing Authorities under the Gambling Act 2005 and as such may determine their own fees for prescribed gambling activities subject to the maximum charge.
- 1.2 This authority's Licensing Committee has been delegated responsibility for setting fees in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005.
- 1.3 Premises licences are required to authorise premises to provide gambling facilities and the type of licences issued are for a small casino, bingo, betting premises, including tracks, adult gaming centres and family entertainment centres.
- 1.4 The Authority's responsibilities are those of considering applications for premises licences and where appropriate issuing licences. The legislation requires that each application be accompanied by a fee.

2. Supporting Information

- 2.1 The Gambling (Premises Licence Fees) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 outlines the maximum fees permitted to be charged by Licensing Authorities to enable full cost recovery. A list of the maximum fees chargeable is set out in Appendix A (1) to this report.
- 2.2 The Licensing Committee approved this authority's Gambling Licensing fees at the meeting held on 17 July 2007. The fees were set at 75% of the maximum amount permitted and this was subsequently approved by full council at its meeting on 10th September 2007. This level was estimated at the time to cover the expected cost of the service.
- 2.3 The authority reviews its charges annually to ensure that the income from the premises licence fees in any full financial year do not exceed the full costs incurred by the authority in carrying out the relevant functions. There has been no change to the level at which the fees were set in September 2007.

3. Options for Consideration

- 3.1 If fees are not set the authority cannot charge for application forms submitted under the Gambling Act 2005.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 To advise the Licensing Committee that further provision should be made for the collection of seven chargeable fees under the Gambling Act 2005 and that these fees are incorporated and also set at 75% of the maximum amount permitted. Appendix A (2) refers.

5. Conclusion

5.1 The Licensing committee are required to set the fees to enable charges to be made for the following categories of application form; all of which relate to Premises Licences issued under the Gambling Act 2005.

- An application to vary a licence - fee payable by holder of licence for applying to vary a licence.
- An application to transfer a licence - fee payable by holder of licence for applying to transfer a licence from one operator to another.
- An application for reinstatement of a licence - fee payable by anyone applying for a licence to be re-instated.
- Application with Provisional Statement - premises licence application for a premises where the applicant already holds a provisional statement for that premises.
- Provisional Statement fee payable by anyone applying for a provisional statement (a statement from the licensing authority in advance of a full premises licence).
- A notification of a change - fee payable by holder of licence when they submit a notification of a change of circumstance (change of business address).
- A Fee for application for a copy of a licence.

6. Consultation and Engagement

Not Applicable

Background Papers:

The Gambling (Premises Licence Fees) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007
Gambling Act 2005.

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: No:

Wards affected: All

Strategic Aims and Priorities Supported:

The proposals will help achieve the following Council Strategy aim:

HQL – Maintain a high quality of life within our communities

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Council Strategy aims and priorities by meeting its statutory duty.

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