

LICENSING COMMITTEE: 6 July 2010

Report of the Chief Strategic Planning and Environment Officer

GAMBLING ACT 2005 – SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES 2009/2010

1. **Background**

This report has been prepared to provide summarised details for the information of the Licensing Committee on the work undertaken in respect of the Gambling Act 2005 by the Licensing Service during the year from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.

2. **Gambling Act 2005 Premises Licences.**

- 2.1 The Gambling Act 2005 was implemented during the year 2007/08 with a transition period being from 30 April 2007 to 31 August 2007. From then all premises licences within Cardiff had to obtain a licence from the authority. The number of licences held is detailed in the following table.

Type of Premises	Total 31/03/2008	Total 31/03/2009	Total 31/03/2010
Converted Casino Premises	3	3	3
Bingo Premises	4	4	3
Betting Premises	63	61	62
Track Betting Premises	0	0	0
Adult Gaming Centre	13	11	11
Licensed Family Entertainment Centre	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>79</b>

- 2.2 During the year 15 applications were received. Four applications were for the grant of a licence, 3 for variation, 2 for transfer, 1 for reinstatement and 2 for the issue of a duplicate licence. Two applications were withdrawn by the applicant prior to determination. During the year one premises Riva Bingo surrendered its licence.
- 2.3 Nineteen Premises Inspections were carried out by Licensing Enforcement Officers. Six of the premises had satisfactory inspections with the remainder having technical discrepancies which were subsequently corrected.

3. **Permits and Registrations.**

- 2.4 The Gambling Act 2005 has also transferred the responsibility from Magistrates to Licensing Authorities in respect of the receipt of notifications and consideration of a number of different permits. During the year 76 notifications and applications were received from alcohol licensed premises, 52 premises notified the authority that they would be providing one or two gaming machines in their premises and 24 applications were received in respect of Gaming Machine Permits to permit the use of more than

three machines. Fifteen applications were received from Registered Members Clubs 14 for the issue of Club Gaming Machine Permits and one for a Club Gaming Permit. The following table provides details of the numbers of permits held.

<b>Type of Permit</b>	<b>31/03/2008</b>	<b>31/03/2009</b>	<b>31/03/2010</b>
Existing Section 34 Permit converted to GMP	147	126	27
Existing Club Registration Part III	42	42	21
Club Gaming Permit	0	0	1
Club Machine Permit	5	9	24
Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Notification	30	92	154
Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit	10	16	35
Prize Gaming Permit	0	0	0
Unlicensed Family Entertainment Gaming Machine Permit	2	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>264</b>

- 2.5 The licensing authority is also responsible for the registration of Small Societies wishing to conduct a lottery. At the end of the year there were 220 small societies registered with the authority a 1.8% decrease on the 224 permits held at the end of the previous year.

#### **4. Performance Indicators.**

- 4.1 The Licensing Service has adopted performance indicator targets to enable the performance of the service to be measured.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Achieved</b>
<b>No. of gambling premises applications received determined within two months.</b>			
No. of applications received		15	
No of applications determined within 2 months	100%	15	100.00%

#### **5. Financial Implications**

The fees are reviewed annually and were last increased on 1 April 2009. No financial implications arise directly from this report.

#### **6. Legal implications**

This report is for information purposes only and, as such, there are no legal implications arising directly from it.

**7. Recommendation.**

That the report on the work of the licensing service in respect of gambling licences and permits be noted.

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**20 May 2010**

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This report has been prepared in accordance with procedures approved by the Corporate Management Team.

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