

LICENSING COMMITTEE: 2 June 2015

Report of the Head of Regulatory and Supporting Services

GAMBLING ACT 2005 – PREMISES LICENCE FEES & CHARGES

1. **Background**

1.1 This report is concerned with the setting of Premises Licence fees under the Gambling Act 2005. The existing fees were last set in April 2009.

2. **Details.**

2.1 The Gambling (Premises Licence Fees) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 provide for the following types of fees to be determined by licensing authorities:

- licence application fee (regulations 4 and 5),
- first annual fee (regulations 6 and 9),
- annual fee (regulations 8 and 9),
- notification of a change of circumstance fee (regulation 10),
- application to vary a licence fee (regulation 11),
- application to transfer a licence fee (regulation 12),
- fee for a copy of a licence (regulation 13),
- application for reinstatement of a licence fee (regulation 14), and
- provisional statement application fee (regulation 15)

In each case, the fee determined by a licensing authority must not exceed a maximum fee specified in the Regulation, or in the table of maximum fees in the Schedule of the Regulations.

2.3 Based upon the number of licences issued in 2013/14, it is calculated that the fees regime needs to be amended; consequently, the proposed fees are set out below.

Application Type:	Existing Fee	Proposed Fee
<b>Grant Application:</b>		
Bingo	£2163	£476
Adult Gaming	£1236	£437
Betting Shop	£1854	£368
Track Betting	£1545	£421
Family Entertainment Centre	£1236	£575

<b>Provisional Statement:</b>		
Bingo	£1082	£453
Adult Gaming	£618	£411
Betting Shop	£927	£346
Track Betting	£773	£402
Family Entertainment Centre	£618	£555
<b>Grant with Provisional Statement:</b>		
Bingo	£927	£366
Adult Gaming	£742	£313
Betting Shop	£742	£280
Track Betting	£588	£293
Family Entertainment Centre	£232	£450
<b>Annual Fee:</b>		
Bingo	£309	£253
Adult Gaming	£309	£217
Betting Shop	£186	£182
Track Betting	£309	£274
Casino	£927	£380
Family Entertainment Centre	£232	£339
<b>Transfer/Reinstatement:</b>		
Bingo	£371	£268
Adult Gaming	£371	£231
Betting Shop	£371	£194
Track Betting	£294	£216
Casino	£418	£286
Family Entertainment Centre	£294	£424
<b>Variation:</b>		
Bingo	£541	£271
Adult Gaming	£387	£315
Betting Shop	£464	£287
Track Betting	£387	£296
Casino	£618	£391
Family Entertainment Centre	£309	£450

- 2.4 There is a decrease in the grant and provisional statement fees as very few applications have been referred to the Licensing Sub-Committee for a decision in the last few years, so the element of the fees associated with the Sub-Committee costs are substantially lower than previously calculated.

### **3. Legal Implications**

- 3.1 The Gambling (Premises Licence Fees) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 states that premises licence fees shall be determined by the relevant licensing

authority but should not exceed the specified maximum amounts stated in the Schedule of the Regulations (see Appendix A)

- 3.2 Gambling Licensing is specifically excluded from the Provision of Services Regulations 2009 which provides that charges under an authorisation scheme must be reasonable and proportionate to, and not exceed, the cost of the procedures and formalities under the scheme. However the proposed fees have been calculated in line with this principle.

**4. Financial Implications.**

- 4.1 The Licensing Service is required to be self financing within the limitations of statute.
- 4.2 It is essential that the new fees are set at a level which fully funds the costs of the service insofar as permissible by statute.

**5. Recommendation**

- 5.1 That the proposed fees and charges outlined in the report are approved with an implementation date of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015

**Dave Holland** **14 April 2015**  
**HEAD OF REGULATORY AND SUPPORTING SERVICES**

This report has been prepared in accordance with procedures approved by Corporate Managers.

Background Papers: None

**APPENDIX A**

	<b>Maximum Fee (£)</b>
<b>Application Fee</b>	
Bingo Premises Licence	3500.00
Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	2000.00
Betting Premises (Track) Licence	2500.00
Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence	2000.00
Betting Premises (Other) Licence	3000.00
<b>Provisional Statement Application Fee</b>	
Bingo Premises Licence	3500.00
Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	2000.00
Betting Premises (Track) Licence	2500.00
Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence	2000.00
Betting Premises (Other) Licence	3000.00
<b>Application Fee for Premises with a Provisional Statement</b>	
Bingo Premises Licence	1200.00
Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	1200.00
Betting Premises (Track) Licence	950.00
Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence	950.00
Betting Premises (Other) Licence	1200.00
<b>Annual Fee</b>	
Converted Casino Premises Licence	3000.00
Bingo Premises Licence	1000.00
Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	1000.00
Betting Premises (Track) Licence	1000.00
Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence	750.00
Betting Premises (Other) Licence	600.00
<b>Transfer Application Fee</b>	
Converted Casino Premises Licence	1350.00
Bingo Premises Licence	1200.00
Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	1200.00
Betting Premises (Track) Licence	950.00
Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence	950.00
Betting Premises (Other) Licence	1200.00
<b>Variation Application Fee</b>	
Converted Casino Premises Licence	2000.00
Bingo Premises Licence	1750.00
Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	1000.00
Betting Premises (Track) Licence	1250.00
Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence	1000.00
Betting Premises (Other) Licence	1500.00
<b>Application for Reinstatement Fee</b>	
Converted Casino Premises Licence	1350.00
Bingo Premises Licence	1200.00
Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence	1200.00
Betting Premises (Track) Licence	950.00
Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence	950.00
Betting Premises (Other) Licence	1200.00