

WIRRAL COUNCIL

LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE

25 MARCH 2015

SUBJECT:	PERIODIC REVIEW OF GAMBLING ACT 2005 LICENCE FEES
WARD AFFECTED:	ALL WARDS
REPORT OF:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR of REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is for Members to review and approve the licence fees in respect of Premises Licences required under The Gambling Act 2005 with effect from 1 April 2015.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 The Gambling Act 2005 and the Regulations made under this Act prescribe that The Licensing Authority may determine the fees for Premises Licences up to a maximum level set out in the Regulations.

2.2 The maximum Premises Licence fee levels are set out in the table shown in Appendix 1.

2.3 The Gambling Act 2005 states that the Licensing Authority

‘...shall aim to ensure that the income from fees of that kind as nearly as possible equates to the costs of providing the service to which the fee relates...’

2.4 In 2007 the fees were set at 20% below the maximum fees that can be applied to reflect the projected cost of providing the service at that time. These fees, which are the fees currently charged, are set out in the table shown in Appendix 2.

2.5 The Gambling Act 2005 requires the Licensing Authority to ‘...publish the amount of the fee as determined from time to time...’

2.6 A review of the costs of providing services required under The Gambling Act 2005 has been undertaken and it has been identified that the income received from Gambling fees shows a small projected excess over expenditure in the sum of £908.22 for the financial year 2014-2015.

2.7 From January 2015 the licensing function will be subject to at least a 2.2% increase in staffing costs. Members are therefore asked to maintain the current fees for Premises Licences as set out in the Table in Appendix 2.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 Fees that do not cover the costs of the administration of the Service can result in a reduction in staffing resources.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 There is no legal obligation to consult in the implementation of this legislation.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

- 7.1 There are cost implications to the Council in undertaking this legal duty and this is recognised in the legislation which gives provision for the Council to recover the costs of administering the scheme and to ensure compliance.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 A decision of the Committee may be subject to legal challenge.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

No because there is no relevance to equality.

10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no specific carbon reduction implications arising from this report.

11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no Planning implications arising out of this report.

12.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

- 12.1 That Members of the Licensing Act 2003 Committee approve the Premises Licence fees under the Gambling Act 2005 as set out in the Table in Appendix 2.

13.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 It is a statutory requirement for this Committee to determine the licence fees under The Gambling Act 2005 from time to time.

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APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – Maximum fees that can be applied to Premises Licences
- Appendix 2 – Fees currently charged by Wirral Council

BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

BRIEFING NOTES HISTORY

None

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date

Maximum Fees that can be applied to Premises Licences

Appendix 1

<i>Premises Type</i>	<i>Transitional Fast-Track Application</i>	<i>Transitional Non-Fast Track Application</i>	<i>New Application</i>	<i>Annual Fee</i>
Existing Casinos	£300	£2,000	n/a	£3,000
New Small Casino	n/a	n/a	£8,000	£5,000
New Large Casino	n/a	n/a	£10,000	£10,000
Regional Casino	n/a	n/a	£15,000	£15,000
Bingo Club	£300	£1,750	£3,500	£1,000
Betting Premises (Excluding Tracks)	£300	£1,500	£3,000	£600
Tracks	£300	£1,250	£2,500	£1,000
Family Entertainment Centres	£300	£1,000	£2,000	£750
Adult Gaming Centre	£300	£1,000	£2,000	£1,000

	Application to Vary	Application to Transfer	Application for Re-Instalment	Application for a Provisional Statement	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders)	Copy Licence	Notification of Change
Existing Casinos	£2,000	£1,350	£1,350	n/a	n/a	£25	£50
New Small Casino	£4,000	£1,800	£1,800	£8,000	£3,000	£25	£50
New Large Casino	£5,000	£2,150	£2,150	£10,000	£5,000	£25	£50
Regional Casino	£7,500	£6,500	£6,500	£15,000	£8,000	£25	£50
Bingo Club	£1,750	£1,200	£1,200	£3,500	£1,200	£25	£50
Betting Premises (Excluding Tracks)	£1,500	£1,200	£1,200	£3,000	£1,200	£25	50
Tracks	£1,250	£950	£950	£2,500	£950	£25	£50
Family Entertainment Centres	£1,000	£950	£950	£2,000	£950	£25	£50
Adult Gaming Centre	£1,000	£1,200	£1,200	£2,000	£1,200	£25	£50

Appendix 2

Gambling Act 2005 Premises Licence Fees

<i>Premises Type</i>	<i>Transitional Fast-Track Application</i>	<i>Transitional Non-Fast Track Application</i>	<i>New Application</i>	<i>Annual Fee</i>
Existing Casinos	£240	£1,600	n/a	£2,400
New Small Casino	n/a	n/a	£6,400	£4,000
New Large Casino	n/a	n/a	£8,000	£8,000
Regional Casino	n/a	n/a	£12,000	£12,000
Bingo Club	£240	£1,400	£2,800	£800
Betting Premises (Excluding Tracks)	£240	£1,200	£2,400	£480
Tracks	£240	£1,000	£2,000	£800
Family Entertainment Centres	£240	£800	£1,600	£600
Adult Gaming Centre	£240	£800	£1,600	£800

	Application to Vary	Application to Transfer	Application for Re-Instalment	Application for a Provisional Statement	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders)	Copy Licence	Notification of Change
Existing Casinos	£1,600	£1,080	£1,080	n/a	n/a	£20	£40
New Small Casino	£3,200	£1,440	£1,440	£6,400	£2,400	£20	£40
New Large Casino	£4,000	£1,720	£1,720	£8,000	£4,000	£20	£40
Regional Casino	£6,000	£5,200	£5,200	£12,000	£6,400	£20	£40
Bingo Club	£1,400	£960	£960	£2,800	£960	£20	£40
Betting Premises (Excluding Tracks)	£1,200	£960	£960	£2,400	£960	£20	£40
Tracks	£1,000	£760	£760	£2,000	£760	£20	£40
Family Entertainment Centres	£800	£760	£760	£1,600	£760	£20	£40
Adult Gaming Centre	£800	£960	£960	£1,600	£960	£20	£40