

COMMITTEE: CENTRAL LICENSING COMMITTEE
DATE: 23 NOVEMBER 2009
TITLE: GWYNEDD COUNCIL'S GAMBLING POLICY
PURPOSE: FOR RECOMMENDATION
AUTHOR: HEAD OF REGULATORY SERVICES

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the 2005 Gambling Act, it is a requirement that the Council has a Gambling Policy, and that Policy is reviewed at least every 3 years. The original Policy was adopted by the Full Council in its meeting of 25 January 2007, and a draft is attached for its adoption.

CONSULTATION

The Policy was consulted upon extensively, by consulting with every Councillor, every Community Council in Gwynedd, Public Bodies, Gambling Establishments, Religious Organisations, etc but no substantive responses were received.

ALTERATIONS

The amendments proposed are noted below, which updates the Policy for adoption by the Council. The changes will need to be incorporated into the original Policy which is attached for your use.

- 1:8:** deleted
- 1:9:** renumbered 1:8
- 1:10:** renumbered 1:9

4.5 Casinos

The Council decided in its meeting on 25 January 2007 to prohibit casinos from the county. This decision could be overturned during the life of the Policy by means of an opposing decision by the full Council.

4:8 delete "the details of which will be" and replace "September 2006" with "May 2009"; delete (consultation document).

4:9 add Split Premises – the Council will pay particular attention if there are issues about sub-divisions of a single building or plot and will ensure that mandatory conditions relating to access are observed.

The Council in this context will consider:

Whether the premises has a separate registration for business rates;

Whether the neighbouring premises is owned by a different person;

Whether each premises can be accessed from the street or public passageways;

Whether the premises can be only from other gambling premises.

7:1 Sub section 2, add:

Premises should be configured so that children are not invited to participate in, have accidental access to or can closely observe gambling where they are expressly prohibited from participating.

Appendix C page 17 amend North Wales Police contact details to:

Licensing Section
North Wales Police
Yr Ala
Pwllheli
Gwynedd
LL53 5BU

Appendix E page 19 amend Category C Machine to:

£1 maximum stake and £70 maximum prize.

Amend Category D machine to:

£5 cash prize and £8 non-monetary prize.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommends acceptance of the proposed alterations to be incorporated in its Policy.