

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Director of Technical & Environmental Services

to

Licensing Committee

on

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Agenda
Item No.

GAMBLING ACT 2005 – Scheme of Delegations

A Part I Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek the concurrence of the Licensing Committee to a scheme of delegations, in preparation for implementation of the Gambling Act.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Licensing Committee approves the delegation set out in Appendix 1 to this report.**

3 Background

- 3.1 A detailed report was presented to Cabinet on 27th June 2006, setting out the background and the key changes arising from the new legislation. That report also set out a draft Statement of Licensing Policy, for public consultation, together with a scheme of delegations. The report also gave initial consideration to fee income and staffing implications, and to the question of whether there should be any restrictive resolution in respect of casinos.
- 3.2 Following agreement by Cabinet, the report was called in to Economic and Environmental Scrutiny Committee on 20th July, and (at the time of writing) is scheduled to go to Council on 27th July. The only change arising from the Scrutiny Committee was that determination of fee levels (once the relevant regulations have been made) would also be subject to consultation with the Opposition Group Leaders.
- 3.3 Public consultation on the draft Policy Statement commenced on 25th July 2006, and the closing dated for responses is 22nd September.
- 3.4 This report is brought to the Licensing Committee, as Section 154 of the Act provides that all decisions relating to Premises Licences are delegated to the Licensing Committee of the Authority which has been established under Section 6 of the Licensing Act 2003. The recommendations are based upon the formal guidance of the Gambling Commission.

4 Appendices

4.1 Appendix 1 – Scheme of Delegations

5 Background Papers

5.1 Report to Cabinet on the Gambling Act 2005 - Implementation, dated 27th June 2006, together with all appendices. (DTES 0690)