

7. **Gambling Act 2005 – Fees**

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Purpose of the Report

To advise the Licensing Committee that further provision should be made for the collection of two chargeable fees under the Gambling Act 2005.

Recommendations

1. That the Licensing Committee approve the provision of a fee under the Gambling Act 2005 for a 'copy of a premises licence' and for a 'change of circumstances'.
2. That the Licensing Committee approve the proposed fees

Background

District Councils were designated as Licensing Authorities under the Gambling Act 2005¹ (the Act) and as such may determine their own fees for prescribed gambling activities, subject to the maximum charge stated in the Regulations.²

The Full Council delegated authority to approve fees charged under the Act, to the Licensing Committee on 14 December 2006. Approval for the proposed fees was given on 17 May 2007 and was approximately 85% of the maximum amount permitted. These fees are (or were at the time of setting) the same for all Somerset Councils.³

Fee Omission

Two chargeable fees were omitted from the report given to the Licensing Committee on 17 May 2007 and it is proposed that these fees are now included as follows:

- Copy of a premises licence - £22. The maximum fee payable in accordance with the regulations is £25.
- Change of Circumstances (at present this relates to a change of home or business address) £43. The maximum fee payable in accordance with the regulations is £50.

Financial Implications

None

Implications for Corporate Priorities

None

Other Implications

¹ S2 Gambling Act 2005

² SI 2007 No. 479 The Gambling (Premises Licence Fees) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007

³ Except Somerset County Council, which is not a Licensing Authority under this Act.

None

Background Papers: SI 2007 No. 479 The Gambling (Premises Licence Fees) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007
