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The Chair and Members of Licensing
Committee

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Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE to be held on WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2013 at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 1 Town Hall, Chesterfield, the agenda for which is set out below.

AGENDA

Part 1(Public Information)

1. Declarations of Members' and Officers' Interests relating to items on the agenda
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Review of Licence and Registration Fees 2014/15 (L000) (Pages 1 - 10)

Yours sincerely,

Head of Governance

Chief Executive
Huw Bowen



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REVIEW OF LICENCE AND REGISTRATION FEES 2014/15 (L000)

MEETING: LICENSING COMMITTEE

DATE: 11 DECEMBER 2013

REPORT BY: LICENSING MANAGER

WARDS: ALL

COMMUNITY FORUMS: ALL

1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek approval for revised licence and registration fees for 2014/15.

2.0 **BACKGROUND**

2.1 In accordance with the Council's financial regulations it is necessary for all fees to be annually reviewed.

2.2 The services relate to the regulation, control and administration of the following areas:

- Gambling Act 2005.
- Sexual Entertainment Venues - Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

2.3 Fees for the Licensing Act 2003 are set nationally and cannot be altered by the Council.

2.4 Members are reminded that these are statutory services and as such are not subject to market forces. The Council has discretion about the setting of fees.

3.0 **SCOPE**

- 3.1 A summary of proposed fees is provided at Appendix A, which sets out the fees and charges that were agreed for 2013/14 and the proposed increases for 2014/15. The figures have been rounded up or down to assist with cash handling.
- 3.2 Paragraph 5 of this report outlines the financial implications for the council. In light of those implications above inflation increases of 5% or 7% are sought for all fees and charges. Such increases are necessary as the licensing service currently runs at a net cost to the council of £40,010.

4.0 **EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS**

- 4.1 Fees and charges in respect of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 are not included in this report as the new fee structure has only just been approved by the Council.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Council is heavily dependent on central government grants to support its budget. Since 2010 these grants have continued to be cut as part of the Government's austerity measures. All the indications are that the funding reductions are likely to continue for the foreseeable future. At the same time the Council has faced significant pressure on its other major income sources. The Government has continued to exercise tight control on council tax increases and for a number of years has offered short term grants as an incentive for authorities to freeze their council taxes. Also, throughout the economic downturn the Council has found its income from charging for services has been under pressure.
- 5.2 The latest medium term budget forecasts show significant and increasing deficits in future years (2013/14 - £550K, 2014/15 - £1.6m, 2015/16 - £2.4m). The Council is, therefore, faced with having to develop some radical plans for reducing its expenditure. This will include cutting back on low priority services, improving the efficiency of high priority services and generating more income from fees and charges.
- 5.3 The net cost to the council for providing a licensing service is £40, 010.

5.4 In order to make an impact of this net cost above inflation increases in fees and charges are suggested.

6.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 That members determine what increase to impose on fees and charges as shown in Appendix A to this report.

For further information on this report contact Trevor Durham, Licensing Manager, on (34)5203.

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Sexual Entertainment Venues										
SEV grant	1,862	1,955.10	2,091.96	1,955	2,092	0	0	0	0	
SEV renewal	1,115	1,170.75	1,252.70	1,171	1,253	1	1,115	1,150	1,250	
Gambling Act Fees										
Licence Type	Fees 2013	5%	7%	Rounded 5%	Rounded 7%					Notes
Transfer and Reinstatement Applications										
Regional casino	2370	2,488.50	2,535.90	2,490	2,540					max fee - 6500
Large casino	1890	1,984.50	2,022.30	1,980	2,020					max fee - 2150
Small Casino	1490	1,564.50	1,594.30	1,560	1,590					max fee - 1800
Bingo Club	1040	1,092.00	1,112.80	1,090	1,110					max fee - 1200
Betting Premises (other)	1040	1,092.00	1,112.80	1,090	1,110					max fee -1200
Betting Premises (track)	830	871.50	888.10	870	890					max fee - 950
Adult Gaming Centre	1040	1,092.00	1,112.80	1,090	1,110					max fee - 1200
Family Entertainment Centre	830	871.50	888.10	870	890					max fee - 950
New Premises Application										

Regional Casino	13000	13,650.00	13,910.00	13,650	13,910					max fee - 15000
Large casino	8860	9,303.00	9,480.20	9,300	9,480					max fee - 10000
Small Casino	6500	6,825.00	6,955.00	6,830	6,960					max fee - 8000
Bingo Club	2060	2,163.00	2,204.20	2,160	2,200					max fee - 3500
Betting Premises (other)	2010	2,110.50	2,150.70	2,110	2,150					max fee - 3000
Betting Premises (track)	1330	1,396.50	1,423.10	1,400	1,420					max fee - 2500
Adult Gaming Centre	1420	1,491.00	1,519.40	1,490	1,520					max fee- 2000
Family Entertainment Centre	1420	1,491.00	1,519.40	1,490	1,520					max fee - 2000
Initial Application for Provisional Statement										
Regional Casino	6150	6,457.50	6,580.50	6,460	6,580					max fee - 8000
Large casino	4140	4,347.00	4,429.80	4,350	4,430					max fee - 5000
Small Casino	3000	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000	3,000	Max fee				max fee - 3000
Bingo Club	1040	1,092.00	1,112.80	1,090	1,110					max fee - 1200
Betting Premises (other)	1040	1,092.00	1,112.80	1,090	1,110					max fee - 1200

Betting Premises (track)	830	871.50	888.10	870	890					max fee - 950
Adult Gaming Centre	1040	1,092.00	1,112.80	1,090	1,110					max fee - 1200
Family Entertainment Centre	830	871.50	888.10	870	890					max fee - 950
Variation of Premises Licence Application										
Regional Casino	3320	3,486.00	3,552.40	3,490	3,550					max fee - 7500
Large casino	2720	2,856.00	2,910.40	2,860	2,910					max fee - 5000
Small Casino	2330	2,446.50	2,493.10	2,450	2,490					max fee - 4000
Bingo Club	1160	1,218.00	1,241.20	1,220	1,240					max fee - 1750
Betting Premises (other)	1110	1,165.50	1,187.70	1,170	1,190					max fee - 1500
Betting Premises (track)	990	1,039.50	1,059.30	1,040	1,060					max fee - 1250
Adult Gaming Centre	880	924.00	941.60	920	940					max fee - 1000
Family Entertainment Centre	880	924.00	941.60	920	940					max fee - 1000
Copy of the Licence	25	26.25	26.75	25	25	Max fee				max fee -25.00

Change of Name and/or Address	36	37.80	38.52	40	40					max fee - 50
Annual Fees										
Regional Casino	11830	12,421.50	12,658.10	12,420	12,660					max fee - 15000
Large casino	7690	8,074.50	8,228.30	8,070	8,230					max fee - 10000
Small Casino	4140	4,347.00	4,429.80	4,350	4,430					max fee - 5000
Bingo Club	830	871.50	888.10	870	890	1	830	870	890	max fee - 1000
Betting Premises (other)	530	556.50	567.10	560	570	19	10,070	10,640	10830	max fee - 600
Betting Premises (track)	830	871.50	888.10	870	890		0	0	0	max fee- 1000
Adult Gaming Centre	830	871.50	888.10	870	890	3	2,490	2,610	2670	max fee - 1000
Family Entertainment Centre	660	693.00	706.20	690	710					max fee - 750
TOTAL							13,390	14,120	14,390	
Application for a Provisional Licence										
Regional Casino	13000	13,650.00	13,910.00	13,650	13,910					max fee -15000
Large casino	8860	9,303.00	9,480.20	9,300	9,480					max fee - 10000
Small Casino	6500	6,825.00	6,955.00	6,830	6,960					max fee - 8000
Bingo Club	2060	2,163.00	2,204.20	2,160	2,200					max fee - 3500

Betting Premises (other)	2010	2,110.50	2,150.70	2,110	2,150					max fee - 3000
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Adult Gaming Centre	1420	1,491.00	1,519.40	1,490	1,520					max fee -2000
Family Entertainment Centre	1420	1,491.00	1,519.40	1,490	1,520					max fee - 2000
permits										
Small lotteries	20					107		2140		
Club machine permits	100/50					7		700		
Club gaming permit	200/100/50					1		200		
Lic. Premises gaming permit	150/50					3		450		
Lic premises, notification of intent	50					21		1050		
copy of above	15					0				
TOTAL								4540		
Gambling totals							17,930	18,660	18,930	

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