

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE

GAMBLING ACT 2005 – DELEGATION OF THE SETTING OF FEES FOR LICENSES

1. The Gambling Act 2005 received Royal Assent in April 2005. The Act creates a new system of licensing and regulation for commercial gambling. The Gambling Commission will be responsible for issuing operators and personal licenses and local authorities will issue premises licenses.
2. At a previous meeting the Council resolved to amend the Constitution that all the Councils functions under the Gambling act 2005 to the Statutory Licensing Committee in accordance with section 154 Gambling Act except:
 - i) The approval of a Statement of Licensing Policy under section 349 of the act.
 - ii) Resolving whether to issue any Casino Licence in the Borough of Chorley Under section 166 of the Act.
 - iii) The setting of fees for licences.
3. Responsibility for setting fees under the Gambling Act 2005 falls to the Full Council. Section 154 (2)(b) allows Full Council to delegate responsibility to the appropriate Committee or an individual person.

RECOMMENDATION

The Council is recommended to

- a) Delegate the setting of Gambling Act 2005 fees to the Statutory Licensing Committee.

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Chairman of Statutory Licensing Committee