

GAMBLING ACT 2005 - INDUSTRY STATISTICS & FOBT'S

Committee	Licensing Committee
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Papers with report	Appendix 1 - Gambling Commission Industry Statistics Appendix 2 - Gambling Commission Betting Tables Appendix 3 - Gambling Commission Machine Standards - B2
Ward(s) affected	All

HEADLINE

Following a request for further information at the meeting of the Licensing Committee in July 2016, information is provided below and in the attached appendices.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee note the information.

Gambling Commission Industry Statistics

At the meeting of the Licensing Committee in July 2016, Members requested information on the monies generated through over-the-counter betting in Betting Shops in comparison with the monies generated through the use of Fixed Odds Betting Terminal Gaming Machines (FOBT's).

The Gambling Commission publish Industry Statistics each year. This document is attached as Appendix 1.

The 'Gross Gambling Yield' (GGY) from Betting Shops is broken down on Page 10 of Appendix 1. In summary, the GGY for over-the-counter betting was approx £1.3billion, and the GGY for Gaming Machines was £1.7billion. Machine betting accounted for 56% of total Betting Shop GGY.

A further breakdown of betting activity in Betting Shops can be found in Appendix 2.

Technical Standards for Category B2 Gaming Machines

Members also asked Officers to clarify certain technical information relating to Category B2 Gaming Machines (FOBT's).

These machines have variable odd's which will depend upon the game selected for play. The maximum stake permitted for these machines is £100 and the maximum prize payout is £500.

The Gambling Commission produce machine standards for these machines, which machine manufacturer's will have to comply with. A copy of these standards is attached as Appendix 3.

Once the player has reached the maximum stake allowed in accordance with the odds for the game selected, no further stakes will be permitted to ensure that the statutory prize limit cannot be exceeded.

Section 5.12 of Appendix 3 gives more detail.

Implications on related Council policies

None at this stage

Legal implications

None at this stage

Financial Implications

None at this stage

Background Papers / Further Reading Material

NIL