

Gambling Act 2005 Refresher

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Papers with report	Appendix 1 – Decision Making Considerations
Ward(s) affected	All

SUMMARY

There have been various developments in the Gambling Act 2005 since it came into force in 2007. This report is intended to provide guidance on relevant considerations for Sub-Committees when determining applications for a license / permit under the Gambling Act 2005/

RECOMMENDATION

That Members note the contents of this report and the attached annexure.

INFORMATION

The changing financial landscape has seen a rise in applications to transfer licences issued under the Gambling Act. Simultaneously it has been noted that objections to gambling establishments are rising in response to difficult financial circumstances. The LGA is currently considering options on whether it would be possible for local authorities to limit the number of gambling premises using various clauses contained in the Sustainable Communities Act 2007.

Appendix A provides information on current considerations that would be relevant to Members of the Licensing Committee when determining applications under the Gambling Act 2005.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications related to this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Relevant legal considerations have been incorporated into appendix 1.