

Item 7 (d) – Gambling Act 2005 and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1982: Licence Fees 2014 – 2015

The attached report was considered by the Licensing Committee, relevant minute extract below:

Licensing Committee – 4 February 2014 (Minute 17)

The report set out the proposed fees for the Gambling Act 2005 and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 for the year 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015. The Licensing Partnership Manager informed Members that the recommendation in the report was also to include the fees set out in Appendix A and paragraph 11 of the report. The fees ensured that the Council complied with its statutory duty and ensured that the Gambling Licensing service remained self-financing in accordance with the Council's Service and Budget Plan which used the 3.5% inflation factor.

The Licensing Partnership Manager reported that in the District there were only Betting premises. She advised Members that there was an error in the fees and that the Betting premises (excluding tracks) application to vary should read 1500 instead of 1530.

The Licensing Partnership Manager reported that the recommended increase for Sexual Entertainment Venue fees had been calculated by examining the 'time' it took to carry out the various tasks and staffing costs, this was also based on experience of the partners within the Licensing Partnership.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be **recommended to Full Council** that the appropriate fee levels

- (a) for an initial application, a transfer or a renewal application for Sexual Entertainment Venues be £2,960; and
- (b) under the Gambling Act 2005 for the Sevenoaks District, be as set out in Appendix A (as amended) to the report.