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Subject: RE: Gambling Act 2005 - Consultation on Statement of Principles 2016 to 2019 - Tamworth Borough Council

Hello Colin

Thank you for the consultation documentation.

1. I like the suggested Local Area Profile which I believe is a good assessment tool
2. P,58 Risk Assessment Renewals – Well thought out form in my opinion
3. Query? - Application to add Club Gaming/Club Machine – does this translate to a 'Change of Use' of the premises licensed or otherwise, and does it need to come before Committee with Officers' Risk Assessment?

Kind regards
Margaret

P.S. Steve, Point 11.1 Betting Premises appears to answer my question re. numbers of machines allowed dependent on the size of premises and numbers of staff. Many thanks
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Dear Cllr Clarke

Thank you for your comments regarding the above consultation. Your observations will be duly noted and taken in to account.

In response to your query at point 3, an application for a Club Gaming / Machine Permit would not need to a change of use of premises. This type of application is restricted to Members Clubs for example Working Men's Clubs, Miners Welfare Institutes and Commercial Clubs. Normal pubs or other alcohol licensed premises could not apply for this type of permit.

The criteria for applying for this type of permit are laid down in the Gambling Act and are outlined in sections 4.1 to 4.6 of the draft statement of principles.

There is a "fast track " application route available to those Clubs holding a Club Premises Certificate issued under the Licensing Act 2003 (please see section 4.6 page 29). Most of our Members Clubs have applied for Club Gaming Machine permits using this route.

Unless there are representations from the Gambling Commission or the Police about an application for a Club Gaming / Machine Permit – most of the applications would be dealt with by officers – under the delegations outlined at Appendix G (page 60). This table of delegation is one recommended in 4th edition of Guidance to Licensing Authorities issued by the Gambling Commission.

Also please note that when a fast track application is made, the grounds for any objections is very limited, (please refer to 4.6 on page 29).

Appendix A of the draft Statement summarises the gaming machines that can be made available for use in different types of premises. Appendix B summarises the maximum stakes and prizes set by the gambling commission. Appendix C summarises the gaming entitlements for clubs and public houses.

I hope that the above answers your query.

Kind regards

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