

Item: 4

Orkney Islands Area Licensing Board: 23 August 2018.

Alcohol Licensing and Gambling – Functions Report.

Report by Clerk to the Board.

1. Purpose of Report

To present a report in relation to the exercise of the Licensing Board's functions in terms of the Gambling Act 2005 and the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

2. Recommendations

The Board is invited to note:

2.1.

The report in relation to the exercise of the Board's functions in terms of the Gambling Act 2005 and the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

3. Introduction

The Council's Licensing Team processes applications for licences, permits and registrations in terms of the Gambling Act 2005 and the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

4. Functions Report

The functions report for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 in relation to the exercise of the Board's functions in terms of the Gambling Act 2005 and the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, includes information regarding the following:

- The types of licences, permits and registrations governed by the legislation.
- Consultation requirements and periods.
- The number of licences, permits and registrations held under the legislation in the Board's area at 30 June 2018.
- The number of applications for licences, permits and registrations in terms of the legislation processed during the period.
- The number of annual fee invoices for licences, permits and registrations in terms of the legislation processed during the period.
- The number of applications for licences, permits and registrations in terms of the legislation refused during the period.

- Commitment of staff time in researching information and preparing reports on a number of matters during the period.
- Commitment of staff time in updating information regarding alcohol licensing and gambling published at www.orkney.gov.uk to comply with new Data Protection legislation as well as improving online accessibility, including application forms and guidance notes, during the period from May to 30 June 2018.
- Commitment of staff time in dealing with enquiries regarding any of the types of licences, permits and registrations governed by the legislation during the period.
- Published documentation available at www.orkney.gov.uk.

5. Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications to the Council arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. Legal Aspects

6.1.

Gambling activities in the UK are governed by the Gambling Act 2005. In Scotland, the licensing authority is the local licensing board.

6.2.

Alcohol licensing in Scotland is governed by the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. The licensing authority is the local licensing board.

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8. Appendix

Appendix 1: Alcohol licensing and gambling functions report for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.