

Licensing Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **17th January 2023**.

Present:

Cllr. Howard (Chair);
Cllr. Krause (Vice-Chair);

Cllrs. Buchanan, Burgess, Feacey, Ledger, Michael, Walder, Wright.

Apologies:

Cllrs. Bartlett, Pickering, Rogers, Smith, L Suddards.

Also Present:

Environmental Protection and Licensing Team Leader, Principal Litigator, Senior Member Services Officer.

280 Declarations of Interest

Councillor	Interest	Minute No.
Feacey	Made a 'Voluntary Announcement' as he was on the Management Committee of UK LPG.	282
	Made a 'Voluntary Announcement' as he was Chairman of the Ashford Volunteer Centre.	282
Walder	Made a 'Voluntary Announcement' as the owner of a Vineyard within the Borough. She did not take part in the discussion nor vote on this item.	282

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Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Committee held on the 20th January 2022 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

282 Proposed Fee Levels for Gambling Act and Licensing Act Applications 2023/24

The Environmental Protection and Licensing Team Leader introduced the report which proposed fees for Gambling Act licences and notices for the financial year 2023/24 and he drew attention to the proposed fees contained within the report. Licensing Act fees relating to alcohol, late night refreshment and regulated entertainments were set nationally and not by the Licensing Authority.

Gambling Related Fees

The report recommended that the fees increased broadly in line with inflation, except where fees were at the statutory maximum as prescribed by regulation.

The Committee questioned how the inflation figure was calculated, the Environmental Protection and Licensing Team Leader advised that this equated to approximately 10% increase in inflation and 6% catch up, due to the time lapsed between the formation of the budget and the implementation of the fee increases (September 2022 to April 2023).

Recommended:

That (i) the proposed fees for gambling applications be approved.

RECOMMENDED GAMBLING RELATED LICENCE FEES FOR 2023/24

Premises Type	New Application (£)	Annual Fee (£)
New Small Casino	8000 (8000)	4962 (5000)
New Large Casino	10000 (10000)	10000 (10000)
Regional Casino	15000 (15000)	15000 (15000)
Bingo Club	2994 (3500)	933 (1000)
Betting Premises (excluding Tracks)	3000 (3000)	600 (600)
Tracks	2341 (2500)	933 (1000)
Family Entertainment Centres	2000 (2000)	750 (750)
Adult Gaming Centre	2000 (2000)	939 (1000)
Temporary Use Notices	259 (500)	N/A

	Application to Vary	Application to Transfer	Application for Re-Instatement	Application for Provisional Statement	Licence Application (provisional Statement holders)	Copy Licence	Notification of Change
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
New Small Casino	3578 (4000)	1800 (1800)	1749 (1800)	8000 (8000)	3000 (3000)	25 (25)	50 (50)
New large Casino	4730 (5000)	2150 (2150)	2150 (2150)	10000 (10000)	5000 (5000)	25 (25)	50 (50)
Regional Casino	7500 (7500)	5629 (6500)	5629 (6500)	15000 (15000)	8000 (8000)	25 (25)	50 (50)
Bingo Club	1750 (1750)	1138 (1200)	1138 (1200)	2994 (3500)	1200 (1200)	25 (25)	50 (50)
Betting Premises (excluding Tracks)	1500 (1500)	1138 (1200)	1138 (1200)	2994 (3000)	1200 (1200)	25 (25)	50 (50)
Tracks	1250 (1250)	950 (950)	950 (950)	2341 (2500)	950 (950)	25 (25)	50 (50)
Family Entertainment Centres	1000 (1000)	950 (950)	950 (950)	2000 (2000)	950 (950)	25 (25)	50 (50)
Adult Gaming Centre	1000 (1000)	1138 (1200)	1138 (1200)	2000 (2000)	1200 (1200)	25 (25)	50 (50)
Temporary Use Notices	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25 (25)	N/A

Ashford Borough Council's Licensing Authority proposes the following fees as shown in bold type in the table above. For ease of reference the maximum fees identified by DCMS that could be charged are shown in brackets.

- (ii) that the annual licensing summary in relation to the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005, at Appendix B to the report, be received and noted.

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