

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	LICENSING BOARD
DATE	23 JUNE 2015
DIRECTOR	ANGELA SCOTT (CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE)
TITLE OF REPORT	RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON GAMBLING COMMISSION GUIDANCE FOR LICENSING AUTHORITIES 5 TH EDITION
REPORT NUMBER	CG-15-86
CHECKLIST COMPLETED	Yes

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this Report is to inform Members of the recent Gambling Commission Consultation on the fifth edition of its Guidance for Licensing Authorities and approve the response to same.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. To approve the response to the consultation which forms Appendix 1 to this Report; and
2. To direct officers to submit the response to the Scottish Government no later than 23rd June 2015.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no other implications.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

The Gambling Commission has issued a draft of its fifth edition Guidance for Licensing Authorities for consultation. Under the Gambling Act 2005 the Board is the licensing authority for the city of Aberdeen and must have regard to the Commission's Guidance in the exercise of its duties under that Act. A response from the Board is therefore sought.

The deadline for submission of responses is 22nd June 2015 however officers have agreed with the Commission that the Board's response can be sent following its meeting on 23rd June 2015.

A draft response has been prepared by officers and forms Appendix 1 to this report.

6. IMPACT

There will be no disproportionate impact on any of the protected characteristics and an EHRIA form is therefore not required.

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

It is important for the Gambling Commission to obtain comments on the revised guidance and equally important for the Aberdeen City Licensing Board to make its views known. If the Board does not respond to the consultation it will miss an opportunity to flag up issues of importance to the Commission that may be taken into account in the 5th edition of the Guidance or in future legislation.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Guidance to Licensing Authorities 5th Edition Consultation – March 2015

<http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/pdf/GLA5-consultation---March-2015.pdf>

Guidance to Licensing Authorities 4th Edition -

<http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/pdf/GLA4.pdf>

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