

The Highland Licensing Board

Meeting – 14 June 2016

Agenda Item	6
Report No	HLB/046/16

Supplementary guidance note on risk assessments for gambling premises

Report by the Clerk to the Licensing Board

Summary

This Report invites the Board to approve the supplementary guidance note on risk assessments for gambling premises attached at appendix 1 and to authorise its publication.

1. Background

- 1.1** The Gambling Commission's Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice have now formalised the need for premises licence holders to consider local risks at each of their current premises and when applying for or varying a premises licence. Licensing Boards are encouraged to publish area profiles to assist gambling operators in this process.
- 1.2** A supplementary guidance note on this subject has now been prepared and is attached at appendix 1. The Board's approval of this guidance note is now sought.
- 1.3** Once approved by the Board the guidance note will be published on The Highland Council website.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1** The Board is invited to approve the supplementary guidance note on risk assessments for gambling premises and to authorise its publication.

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Background Papers: Gambling Commission's Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice (LCCP)
Gambling Policy Statement 2013-2016
Appendix 1: Supplementary guidance note on risk assessments for gambling premises

Gambling Act 2005 – Supplementary guidance note on risk assessments

Risk assessments

The Gambling Commission's Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice (LCCP) have formalised the need for premises licence holders to consider local risks at each of their current premises and when applying for or varying a premises licence.

From April 2016, all operators will be required to prepare a risk assessment for their business to take into account the nature and characteristics of the locality in which they are situated such as the proximity of schools or churches and/or whether the business is located on a walking route for schools. They must also assess the local risks to the licensing objectives posed by the provision of gambling facilities at each of their premises and have policies, procedures and measures to mitigate these risks.

The licensing objectives are as follows:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime and disorder or being used to support crime
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in fair and open way
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling

Risk assessments must also be updated to take account of significant changes in local circumstances, including those identified in the Policy Statement and when there are significant changes at a licensee's premises that may affect their mitigation of local risks.

Licence holders will be expected to hold their premises risk assessments on the premises and to share them with the licensing authority on request.

Risk assessments can make reference to the Council's local area profile which has been drafted to help operators to better understand the environment within the Highland Council. Information on the Council's local area profile is set out below together with a link to more detailed information for each Council ward.

Local area profile

The Highlands serve a third of the land area of Scotland including the most remote and sparsely populated parts of the United Kingdom.



The results from the 2011 Census show that the population of Highland on Census day was 232,132, and it increased to 232,950 in mid-2013. Highland generally has an older population profile than that of Scotland with a slightly higher percentage of children, but higher proportions in all the age groups above 45 years.

Highland Council is split into 22 wards:

1. North, West and Central Sutherland
2. Thurso
3. Wick
4. Landward Caithness
5. East Sutherland and Edderton
6. Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh
7. Cromarty Firth
8. Tain and Easter Ross
9. Dingwall and Seaforth
10. Black Isle
11. Eilean a' Cheò
12. Caol and Mallaig
13. Aird and Loch Ness
14. Inverness West
15. Inverness Central
16. Inverness Ness-side
17. Inverness Millburn
18. Culloden and Arderseir
19. Nairn
20. Inverness South
21. Badenoch and Strathspey
22. Fort William and Ardnamurchan

Detailed information relating to each ward can be found on the link below:

http://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/11810/ward_profiles

Population by ward (based on 2011 mid-year estimate) and current numbers of licensed betting premises are approximately as follows:

	Ward	Population	Premises Licences	Type
1	North, West and Central Sutherland	5,568		
2	Thurso	7,218	1	Betting Office
3	Wick	6,587	2	Betting Office and Family Entertainment Centre
4	Landward Caithness	11,355		
5	East Sutherland and Edderton	7,952	1	Family Entertainment Centre
6	Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Localsh	11,372		
7	Cromarty Firth	11,748	2	Betting Office
8	Tain and Easter Ross	8,860	1	Betting Office
9	Dingwall and Seaforth	12,399	3	Betting Office
10	Black Isle	9,639		
11	Eilean a' Cheò	10,114		
12	Caol and Mallaig	7,882	1	Betting Office
13	Aird and Loch Ness	10,658		
14	Inverness West	8,204		
15	Inverness Central	13,654	9	Betting Office
16	Inverness Ness-side	10,008	2	Betting Office
17	Inverness Millburn	8,050	2	Betting Office (Track) and Bingo Premises Licence
18	Culloden and Ardersier	11,030	1	Betting Office
19	Nairn	11,593	3	Betting Office and Family Entertainment Centre
20	Inverness South	14,092		
21	Badenoch and Strathspey	12,983	2	Betting Office and Family Entertainment Centre
22	Fort William and Ardnamurchan	11,404	2	Betting Office