



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

11 MAY 2005

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

### GAMING MACHINES – PROHIBITED PREMISES

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To approve the addition of laundrettes and coin-operated laundrettes to the classes of premises where gaming machines are prohibited.

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Gaming machines under the Gaming Act 1968 are machines that give people the opportunity to win prizes. Under Section 34 cash prizes are limited to £5 or a non-monetary prize of £8.
- 2.2 In September 1989, the Policy & General Purposes Sub Committee decided that it would not grant or renew any gaming machine permits for certain types of premises. These were:
  - premises where food or drink is sold for consumption off the premises
  - restaurants, cafes etc. without take-away food facilities
  - car hire offices
  - hotels, with no alcohol licence
  - video hire shops
  - retail shops
  - hairdressers
  - cinema foyers
  - pool clubs and snooker clubs
  - community centres.

The decision was taken because of increasing concern about this type of gambling and the use of such machines, particularly by young people.

- 2.3 In November 2002 the Licensing & Appeals Committee clarified the definition of car hire offices. It was agreed that it should read Private Hire Operators Offices.
- 2.4 Since the resolution was passed, enforcement work by the Licensing Team has been carried out in premises that fall into the above categories, to ensure there were no illegal gaming machines present.

- 2.5 However, licensing Officers have become aware of proposals for gaming machines to be sited within laundrettes and coin-operated laundrettes within the city. Many of these premises have extended opening hours, some (coin-operated) do not always have staff on site and all are open to children with or without adult supervision. In view of this, it is proposed that laundrettes and coin-operated laundrettes (including dry cleaners) are added to the list of prohibited premises.
- 2.6 Although such matters are likely to be addressed by the proposed changes to gambling legislation, any such changes are unlikely to come into force until 2007.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of Appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 Implications

## IMPLICATIONS

### Financial

1. None

### Legal

2. The decision made by Committee will mean that a certain type of premises will be prohibited from having a gaming machine.
- 2.1 Following the amendment, legal proceedings may be initiated against premises in which gaming machines are sited illegally.

### Personnel

3. None.

### Equalities

4. Equalities issued would be addressed within the terms of the advertising policy.

### Corporate Objectives and Priorities for change

5. Licensing of gaming machines contributes to the Council's objective of **protecting and supporting people**.