



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE  
19 APRIL 2006**

Report of the Director of Environmental Services

**PROPOSAL TO THE CASINO ADVISORY PANEL**

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 To note the Casino Advisory Panel's role in the establishment of new types of casinos and the procedure involved in selecting locations for their operation.
- 1.2 To consider the proposal to the Casino Advisory Panel for permission to locate a large casino in Derby and make appropriate recommendations to Council.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Casino Advisory Panel (the Panel) is an independent panel established in September 2005 to advise the Government on the geographical areas in which the new types of casino created by the Gambling Act 2005 will be located. One regional casino will be permitted, along with eight large and eight small casinos.
- 2.2 On 31 January 2006, the Panel invited formal applications from local authorities who wanted to have a new casino in their area. The criteria against which the Panel will assess the submitted proposals were set out in a national policy statement on casinos which was published by the Government in December 2004. This policy is included for information at Appendix 2.
- 2.3 In accordance with the formal application procedure, Derby Cityscape submitted a proposal, on behalf of the Council, for permission to issue a large casino premises licence. A copy of the proposal is contained at Appendix 3.
- 2.4 The Panel requested that all proposals reach them by 31 March 2006. The Council submitted a provisional application subject to the final decision being made by this Committee. In total, 68 Local Authorities submitted formal proposals to be considered by the Panel for one of the new casino locations.

Proposals for the regional casino were received from Blackpool, Brent, Cardiff, Chesterfield, Coventry, Dartford, Dudley, Glasgow, Great Yarmouth, Greenwich, Havering, Hull, Ipswich, Leeds, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Midlothian, Newcastle, Newport, Sheffield, Solihull, Southampton, Southend-on-Sea, Sunderland, Thurrock, Wakefield, and West Dunbartonshire.

Proposals for the large and small casinos were received from Bath & NE Somerset, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton & Hove, Cannock Chase, Canterbury, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Chester, Derby, Dover, Dumfries & Galloway, East Lindsey, Falkirk, Harrogate, Hastings, Leicester, Luton, Maidstone, Mansfield, Milton Keynes,

Newham, NE Lincolnshire, Peterborough, Renfrewshire, Restormel, St Helens, Salford, Scarborough, Sefton, Sevenoaks, Shepway, South Tyneside, Surrey Heath, Swansea, Swindon, Taunton Deane, Torbay, Westminster, Woking, and Wolverhampton.

2.5 Additional information in the form of a 'Frequently Asked Questions Help Sheet' on the role of the Panel has been included at Appendix 4.

2.6 The Panel has been asked to provide its recommendations on the proposed locations to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport by the end of 2006.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None		
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1–	Implications	
	Appendix 2 –	National Policy Statement on Casinos	
	Appendix 3 –	Proposal to the Casino Advisory Panel for a Large Casino in Derby	
	Appendix 4 –	Frequently Asked Questions Helpsheet	

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. As set out in Appendix 3.

**Legal**

2. Section 175(4) of the Gambling Act 2005 sets out the provisions to determine the geographical distribution of casino premises licences. The Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport is required to specify in an order which licensing authorities should be permitted to issue casino premises licences of a specified kind, and how many of each type of casino premises licence each specified local authority (in Scotland, Licensing Board) should be permitted to issue. Section 175 (1) to (3) sets out the overall limits for casino premises licences as no more than one regional casino, eight large casinos and eight small casinos.

**Personnel**

3. None arising directly from this report.

**Equalities impact**

4. The Council as the Licensing Authority, through the Gambling Act 2005, its licensing policy, and guidance issued by the Gambling Commission promotes the principles of openness, fairness and equality.

**Corporate themes and priorities for change**

5. The proposal to the Casino Advisory Panel for permission to locate a large casino in Derby furthers the Council's priorities of **improving the quality of life in Derby's neighbourhoods** by **reinvigorating the city centre and river areas** and **providing greater opportunities for people to participate in decisions about the area they live in.**