

COUNCIL 24 MAY 2006

Report of the Director of Environmental Services

PROPOSAL TO THE CASINO ADVISORY PANEL - ADDITIONAL IMFORMATION

RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 At its meeting on 19 April 2006 the General Licensing Committee considered an application to the Casino Advisory Panel, submitted by Derby Cityscape on behalf of the City Council, for one of the new 'large' casinos within the city.
- 2.2 Although the Committee resolved to support this application many members felt that the section dealing with social responsibility and the potentially negative effects of gambling had not been fully explored. Members acknowledged that the submission had already been sent to the Panel and could not be changed but requested that additional information on these aspects be made available for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.
- 2.3 In order to acquire additional information for members Derby Cityscape approached their consultant, Tribal, who produced the original submission. Tribal have stated that they have no additional material, having included all their research within that document.
- 2.4 In the absence of any other available research Licensing Officers have sought some additional information for members. The principal social concerns highlighted are problem gambling (including addiction) and protecting young people. Both of these aspects were considered in the government's Gambling review, chaired by Sir Alan Budd, which reported in July 2001. The relevant chapter of his report titled 'The Central Dilemma' is appended to this report (appendix 2).
- 2.5 Also attached (appendix 3) is a factsheet by GamCare. GamCare, a registered charity, has become the leading authority on the provision of information, advice and practical help in addressing the social impact of gambling.
- 2.6 A gambling addiction factsheet from Medic8.com is also attached in appendix 4.

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Background papers:

List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications

Appendix 2 – Excerpt from Gambling Review Report

Appendix 3 – Factsheet from GamCare

Appendix 4 – Medic8 factsheet

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None.

Legal

2. None

Personnel

None. 3.

Equalities Impact

4. None.

Corporate Themes and Priorities

The casino submission aims to contribute to the Council's priority of improving the 5. quality of life in Derby's neighbourhoods.