

Report to:	Licensing Panel
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Services
Date of Meeting :	22 nd December 2015

APPLICATION TO REVIEW A LICENCE – Bet Sid (Abingdon Street)

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider an application by the Licensing Authority to review the licence issued in respect of BetSid, 59-61 Abingdon Street.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 The Licensing Panel is requested to determine the review application.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 This application must be determined by a panel.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None, once a request for a review is submitted it must be considered by a Licensing Panel.

4.0 Background Information

- 4.1 Betsid, 59-61 Abingdon Street Blackpool has the benefit of a betting (other) premises licence issued under the Gambling Act 2005. This licence permits the holder to operate as a betting shop.

4.2 On 9th November 2015 the Licensing Authority gave notice under section 200 Gambling Act 2005 that they intended to review this Premises Licence because of a failed test purchase on 24th October 2015. A copy of the information supporting the decision to review the licence is attached at Appendix 4a.

4.3 A representation in support of the decision to review has been received from Children's Services attached at Appendix 4b.

4.4 **Local policy considerations**

None

4.5 **National policy considerations**

The purpose of a review is to determine whether the Licensing Authority should take any action in relation to the licence namely:

- Add, remove or amend a licence condition imposed by the licensing authority
- Exclude a default condition imposed by the Secretary of State or remove or amend such exclusion
- Suspend the premises licence for a period not exceeding three months
- Revoke the premises licence

4.6 **Observations**

This licence was granted in October 2014.

When considering applications made under the Gambling Act the licensing authority's primary obligation is to permit the use of premises for gambling in so far as it thinks that is:

- In accordance with the relevant codes of practice issued by the Gambling Commission;
- In accordance with the guidance issued by the Gambling Commission;
- Reasonably consistent with the licensing objectives; and
- In accordance with the Council's statement of licensing policy

There are a number of conditions attached to this licence

Mandatory Conditions:

- A notice stating that no person under the age of 18 years is permitted to

enter the premises shall be displayed in a prominent place at every entrance to the premises

- Access to premises shall be from a street or from other premises with a betting premises licence
- There shall be no means of direct access between the premises and other premises used for the retail sale of merchandise or services
- Subject to anything permitted by the Act, or done in accordance with conditions below, the premises shall not be used for any purpose other than for providing facilities for betting,
- Any ATM made available for use on the premises shall be located in a place that requires any customer who wishes to use it to leave any gaming machine or betting machine in order to do so
- No apparatus for making information or other material available in the form of sounds or visual images may be used on the premises, except for apparatus used for the following purposes
 - Communicating information about, or coverage of, sporting events, including
 - Information relating to betting on such an event; and
 - Any other matter or information, including an advertisement, which is incidental to such an event;
 - Communicating information relating to betting on any event (including the result of the event) in connection with which betting transactions may be or have been effected on the premises.
- No publications other than racing periodicals or specialist betting publications may be sold or offered for sale on the premises
- No music, dancing or other entertainment shall be provided or permitted on the premises, save for entertainment provided in accordance with conditions above,
- No alcohol shall be permitted to be consumed on the premises at any time during which facilities for gambling are being provided on the premises. A notice to this effect shall be displayed in a prominent place at every entrance to the premises.
- A notice setting out the terms on which customers are invited to bet on the premises shall be displayed in a prominent place on the premises to which the customers have unrestricted access.

Default Conditions:

- No facilities for gambling shall be provided on the premises between the hours of 10pm on one day and 7am on the next day.

4.7 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

4.8 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 4a: Application (not for publication)

Appendix 4b: Representation from Children's Services

Appendix 4c: Additional information from the licence holder

5.0 **Legal considerations:**

5.1 Please see local and national policy in the background information.

6.0 **Human Resources considerations:**

6.1 None

7.0 **Equalities considerations:**

7.1 None

8.0 **Financial considerations:**

8.1 None