

**TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO RESOLVE NOT TO ISSUE CASINO PREMISES LICENCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 166 – GAMBLING ACT 2005.**

**Report By: HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRADING STANDARDS**

**Wards Affected:**

County-wide

**Purpose:**

1. For the committee to consider whether they wish to resolve not to issue casino premises licences in accordance with Section 166 – Gambling Act 2005.

**Law:**

2. Section 166 – Gambling Act 2005 makes provision for this and is reproduced below:-
  - 1) *A licensing authority may resolve not to issue casino premises licences.*
  - 2) *In passing a resolution under subsection (1) a licensing authority may have regard to any principle or matter.*
  - 3) *A resolution under subsection (1) –*
    - (a) *must apply to the issue of casino premises licences generally,*
    - (b) *must specify the date on which it takes effect,*
    - (c) *may be revoked by a further resolution, and*
    - (d) *shall lapse at the end of the period of three years beginning with the date on which it takes effect (without prejudice to the ability to pass a new resolution).*

**Background:**

3. This authority has previously advised the Department of Culture Media and Sport (DCMS), that it did not wish to be considered as a location for one of the seventeen casinos proposed.
4. Although the DCMS have recently announced the location of the seventeen proposed casinos and no further licences can be issued at this time, there is a possibility that this number could be increased in the future.

**Options**

5. There are two options available to the Committee:
  - a) To pass the resolution thereby resolving not to issue any casino premises licences in accordance with Section 166 Gambling Act 2005.
  - b) To refuse to pass the resolution thereby making it permissible for casino premises licences to be issued judged on their own merits, subject to the Gaming Commission approval.