



1. This report concerns the Council's responsibility for the licensing of AWP gaming machines on licensed premises.
2. Under the Gaming Act 1968 the Council has had responsibility for licensing AWP gaming machines in certain cafes and food establishments. The Licensing Act 2003 has now amended the Gaming Act to extend the Council's responsibility to include licensing of AWP gaming machines on premises licensed to sell alcohol. The Council now licenses such premises. Licensing of the machines in these premises was previously the responsibility of the Licensing Justices
3. Guidance from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) recommends that licensing authorities should indicate that they are prepared to grant permits authorising up to two AWP gaming machines without a hearing and may, if they consider it appropriate, choose not to hold hearings in respect of applications for larger numbers of AWP gaming machines. Where the Licensing Authority is minded to refuse an application an applicant is entitled to have the matter considered at a hearing.
4. The Committee is being asked whether to delegate to officers the issuing of permits for up to two machines (as the DCMS recommends), with applications for more than two machines for premises going to hearing, or whether it considers it appropriate to delegate the issuing of permits for any number of machines. If the Committee decides on a two permit delegation policy then we will need to arrange a hearing for a current application for more than two machines.

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