

Memorandum

16 November 2018

To: Chairperson and Members of the Environment and Community Committee

Subject: Information regarding community leases with gambling machines

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Purpose

1. To respond to questions raised at the Environment and Community Committee meeting on 13 November 2018, regarding community leases with onsite gambling machines.

Key messages

- An evaluation of the Community Occupancy Guidelines (2012) found three community leaseholders, out of a sample of 70 sport and recreation leases, have onsite gambling machines.
- These leases are held by:
 - Mangere Bowling Club Incorporated
 - Onehunga and Districts Bowling Club Incorporated
 - Blockhouse Bay Bowls Incorporated.
- Further investigation found five additional sport and recreation leaseholders and three Royal New Zealand Returned and Services Association (RSA) leaseholders with gambling machines. These leases were granted by legacy councils and pre-date the guidelines.

Evaluation of the Community Occupancy Guidelines

2. Staff presented the results of an evaluation of the Community Occupancy Guidelines to the Environment and Community Committee on 13 November 2018 [CP2018/21265].
3. During the discussion of this item, Councillor Daniel Newman requested information about community leases with onsite gambling machines.
4. In response, staff note that three leaseholders, of the 70 leases reviewed as part of the evaluation, have gambling machines. They are:
 - Mangere Bowling Club Incorporated
 - Onehunga and Districts Bowling Club Incorporated
 - Blockhouse Bay Bowls Incorporated.
5. All three community organisations also have licences to sell alcohol in the leased area.
6. Appendix A provides more detailed information about these leases.

Other gambling machines

7. Staff have undertaken further research to find out how many other community leaseholders have gambling machines (outside the sample of 70 leases considered as part of the evaluation).
8. By matching the names of organisations with gambling licences on the Department of Internal Affairs website, staff found a further eight leaseholders with gambling licences. They are:
 - Mt Wellington Bowling Club
 - Clarks Beach Golf Club
 - Bridge Park Bowling Club
 - Pakuranga Rugby League Community Sports Club
 - Orewa Surf Lifesaving Club
 - Te Atatu Memorial RSA
 - Waiheke RSA
 - Titirangi RSA.
9. These leases were granted by legacy councils and pre-date the guidelines.

Data limitations

10. The actual number of community leaseholders with gambling licences could differ slightly.
11. Council currently has over 1400 community leases.
12. Council does not currently collect detailed information regarding the type of activities carried out by leaseholders.

Next steps

13. The Environment and Community Committee approved recommendations to:
 - improve and standardising leasing processes and record keeping
 - collect further information from leaseholders on:
 - site utilisation
 - community outcomes
 - benefits for Māori
 - financial information, particularly revenue generated
 - improve annual reporting and monitoring
 - review the council's approach to commercial activities, particularly regarding compliance with the council's internal strategies and policies for alcohol sales and gambling.
14. These recommendations will be implemented over the next 18-months.

Appendix A – Community leases with onsite gambling machines issued under the Community Occupancy Guidelines (2012)

	Blockhouse Bay Bowls Incorporated	Onehunga and Districts Bowling Club Incorporated	Mangere Bowling Club Incorporated
Address	33 Terry Street, Blockhouse Bay	59 Princes Street, Onehunga	372R Massey Road, Māngere East
Local board area	Whau	Maungakiekie-Tāmaki	Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
Land size	10,250 m ²	2278 m ²	c. 660m ²
Term	10 years, with one right of renewal of 10 years	10 years, with one right of renewal of 10 years	10 years, with one right of renewal of 10 years
Start date	1/09/2012	1/07/2013	1/08/2013
Building ownership	The club	Auckland Council	The club
Sport	Bowling	Bowling	Bowling
Rent	\$1 plus GST per annum (if requested)	\$1 plus GST per annum (if requested)	\$1 plus GST per annum (if requested)
Membership	234 members	129 members	73 members