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**EXTRACT OF MINUTE OF THE PLANNING, PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2014**

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**\* 4. GAMBLING POLICY - FIXED ODDS BETTING TERMINALS**

Concerns have been raised nationally and locally in regard to Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBT) and the potential harm associated with their use. Consideration was given to a report previously presented to the Argyll and Bute Licensing Board on 28 November 2014 which provided a review of issues linked to the use of FOBT as well as recommending consideration of a range of options which the Council may wish to adopt as a means of mitigating the potential negative impact of FOBT in Argyll and Bute.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed:-

1. To request that the Council lobby the Scottish Government to consider applying their devolved powers to reduce the impact on our communities of gambling generally and the use of FOBT in particular;
2. To request that the Council lobby the UK Government to:
  - Establish a regulatory link between gambling and public health eg to control irresponsible advertising of gambling activities, prevent clustering or allowing local authorities to consider over provision of betting shops and/or
  - Reduce the maximum number of FOBT in betting shops to reduce the stakes available for games and/or
  - Establish a role for local authority or Gambling Commission inspection of the machines once they are on site;
3. To draw the Council's attention to a model motion (published by the Campaign for Fairer Gambling), which could be considered for amendment for use by the Council attached at as Annex 1 to the report; and
4. To request that the Council refer the issue to COSLA via the Spokesperson for Community Wellbeing in order that the issue can be considered at the Community Wellbeing Executive Group and seek a

coordinated approach from the Scottish local authorities to the Scottish Government and UK Government.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services, submitted)