

Summary of Information

GAMBLING CLASS 4 VENUE POLICY, AND TAB VENUE POLICY REVIEW

At a meeting of the Horowhenua District Council held on 10 November 2021, Council resolved to review these policies using the Special Consultative Procedure as laid down in the Local Government Act 2002.

1. Reason

The Gambling Act 2003 and the Racing Industries Act 2020 requires these policies to be reviewed three (3) yearly. The current policies were adopted by Council in November 2017.

2. Proposal

- Minor changes are proposed to the TAB Venue Policy to remove reference to the Racing Act 2003 which was repealed in August 2020 by the Racing Industry Act 2020. This means Council proposes to keep the status-quo and allow one standalone TAB Venue in the District.
- Changes are proposed to the Gambling Class 4 Venue Policy, however Council proposes to keep the current 'sinking lid' policy to control venue and machine numbers. Changes proposed:
 1. seek to clarify when the relocation policy applies,
 2. amend the club merger clause to allow up to two thirds of the combined original total of gaming machines – instead of allowing up to a maximum of thirty, and
 3. to implement the charging of fees in relation to the processing of relocation consent requests and merger consent requests.
- The draft Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy and the draft TAB Venue Policy are included in the Statement of Proposal.

3. Submissions

Submissions on the proposal close at 5.00 pm on Sunday 12 December 2021. All submissions should be addressed to:

Gambling Class 4 Venue and TAB Venue Policy Reviews
Horowhenua District Council
Private Bag 4002
Levin 5540

Submitters should advise whether they wish to be heard at the Hearings Committee Meeting which will be scheduled after the consultation period has closed. Submitters are advised that pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002 and subject to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, all submissions shall be made available to the public.

Submission forms and the Statement of Proposal are available at the Council Offices in Levin (126 Oxford Street, or Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō), Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Foxton or Shannon Library, Plimmer Terrace Shannon. Copies may also be obtained by telephoning Council's Customer Service Centre, Levin, on (06) 366 0999, and on Council's website www.horowhenua.govt.nz.

4. Form of Summary

The form and contents of this summary were approved by a resolution of Council on 10 November 2021.