

GAMBLING COMMISSION

Co-regulation under the Gambling Act 2005

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Gambling – who regulates what ?



- Gambling Commission and Licensing Boards – co-regulate gambling under the Act
- National Lottery Commission – National Lottery
- Spread betting – Financial Services Authority



Who we are



- Replaced the Gaming Board under the 2005 Act
- Independent non dept. body sponsored by DCMS
- Work closely with a range of agencies – police, HMRC
- Funded mainly by licence fees



The licensing objectives



- Preventing gambling being a source of, or associated with, crime or disorder
- Ensuring gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- Protecting children and vulnerable people from harm or exploitation by gambling



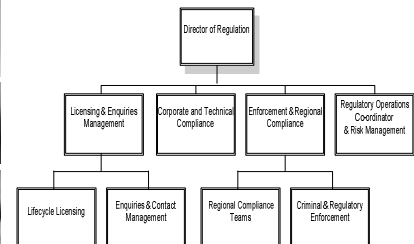
Our strategic objectives



- Regulating gambling in the public interest
- Providing authoritative advice
- Engaging with stakeholders
- Developing our employees and organisation



Regulatory structure



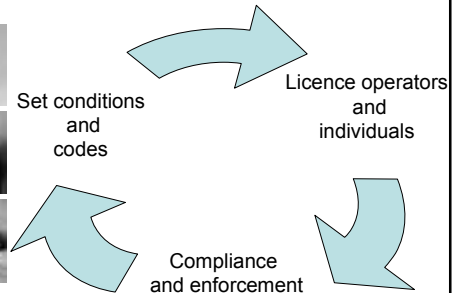
Compliance managers



- Risk based regulatory inspection
- Advice
- Investigation
- Enquiries
- Intelligence

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The regulatory cycle



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The current situation



- 2 years since the introduction of the Act
- Good relationship on the ground between licensing standards officers and compliance managers
- The industry largely compliant

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.....however



- 50 compliance managers (6 in Scotland) and 380 local authorities in GB
- In Scotland there are approximately 2000 gambling premises
- Apparently compliant operators are not perfect
- Organised criminal activity exists at the margin
- Gross gambling yield (06-07) estimated at £9.9bn.

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- Effective compliance and co-regulation requires a strong partnership
- Need to ensure we do not regulate twice over
- Need to ensure there are no gaps
- Ensuring compliance can benefit a range of agencies in achieving their outcomes

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Possible actions.....



- Regular joint compliance activities
- Joint scenario training with other agencies
- Updates for elected members and strategic bodies
- Subscribe to Commission e-bulletin
- Visit the website for documents and updates
- Joint GC/COSLA event for LSOs 5th Nov

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