

## **CASINO ADVISORY PANEL ANNOUNCES FINALISED CASINO SHORTLISTS**

In January 2006 the Casino Advisory Panel invited local authorities in Scotland, Wales and England to submit proposals for one or more new casinos under the Gambling Act 2005 to be permitted to be located in their areas. On 24 May the Panel published shortlists for the regional and for the large & small casinos.

On 24 July the Panel offered all proposing authorities the opportunity to submit additional information by 14 August. More information on the reasons for the offer, and the strict criteria attached to it, can be found in the Panel's press release in the Press Releases section of this website.

The Panel has now had the opportunity to consider carefully all the evidence submitted to it, and is today publishing finalised shortlists on the basis of that. The Panel has decided to add Chesterfield to the large and small shortlist, and has removed those Councils that have voluntarily withdrawn from that shortlist in the intervening period (Canterbury, Dartford and Thurrock).

The finalised large and small shortlist is now as follows: Bath and NE Somerset, Bournemouth, Brighton, Chelmsford, Chesterfield, Dudley, Dumfries and Galloway, East Lindsey, Great Yarmouth, Hastings, Hull, Leeds, Leicester, Luton, Mansfield, Middlesbrough, Milton Keynes, Newham, NE Lincs, Peterborough, Restormel, Scarborough, Sefton, Solihull, Southampton, South Tyneside, Swansea, Torbay, and Wolverhampton.

The Panel has removed Brent from the regional shortlist after notification from them that they no longer wished to pursue their proposal. No additions have been made to the regional shortlist which is now as follows: Blackpool, Cardiff, Glasgow, Greenwich, Manchester, Newcastle and Sheffield.