

INITIAL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Following a letter from the Panel to all local authority chief executives in November 2005 seeking indications of initial interest, some 131 local authorities had responded by 11th January. Of these, 52 authorities said that they were not interested and 4 that they could not give an indication at the present time. Potential interest may be gauged from the following table.

Type of Casino	Number of expressions of interest
Regional (including indeterminate responses)	45
Large	7
Small	9
Additional Mixture of the above	5
Additional One of the above	9
Total	75

** table correct as at 11/01/06. Later respondents have been noted by the panel (and are listed below) but not included in the table*

Those interested in a regional casino are as follows:

Havering, Coventry, Cardiff, Glasgow, Sunderland, Hull, Blackpool, Newcastle, Sheffield, Southampton, Birmingham, Southend-on Sea, Brent, Leeds, Solihull, Wakefield, Great Yarmouth, Manchester, Greenwich, Middlesbrough, Maidstone, West Dunbartonshire, Canterbury, Luton, Renfrewshire, Ipswich, Chesterfield.

Also implied for a regional (but not stated) were:

North Lanarkshire, Tewkesbury, Bury, Scarborough, Bolsover, Hertsmere, Cannock Chase, North Somerset, Salford, Leicester, Dumfries & Galloway, South Lanarkshire, Restormel, East Lindsey, Sevenoaks, Havant, Mansfield, Stevenage,

Those interested in large and small were:

Bournemouth, Peterborough, Hinckley & Bosworth, Surrey Heath, Taunton Dean, Kirklees, Warrington, Wyre Forest, Gosport, Powys, Suffolk Coastal, Moray, Ashfield, Sefton, Gateshead, Tendring, Exeter, Forest Heath, Preston, Milton Keynes, Harrogate, Hastings, Bath & N E Somerset, St Helens, Basildon, Bristol, Carlisle, Broxtowe, Torbay, Bedford

Late additions: Westminster (large/Small); Falkirk (large/small); Newport (regional);

Wealdon (small); North Norfolk (large/Small); Redcar & Cleveland (small);

Late withdrawal: Suffolk Coastal