

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FULL COUNCIL

UNDER PARAGRAPH 11.1 OF THE COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

The following Motion to be submitted to Full Council on the date indicated below:-

FIXED ODDS BETTING TERMINALS

1. This council notes the terrible impact on vulnerable people in Rossendale caused by the prevalence of Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) in betting shops.
2. That, unlike fruit machines in pubs, bingo halls and amusement arcades where cash stakes are limited to £2, gamblers can bet with cash or via a debit card up to £100 every 20 seconds on FOBTs, more than four times as fast as the rate of play in casinos.
3. That in 2012, over £1.5bn was lost on FOBTs across the UK. More profit was made from FOBTs than from the National Lottery, when according to the most recent British Gambling Prevalence Survey, 56% of the population play the Lottery, but just 4% play FOBTs.
4. Empirical evidence that suggests FOBTs are the most addictive form of gambling.

That this council asks the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport to outline the terms of this motion and demand urgent action against FOBTs by the Government.

Date of Council Meeting:-

26th March 2014

The Notice of Motion to be submitted by at least two members and be received at least eleven clear working days before the date of the meeting.

Notice received from:

Date: 10th March 2014

Councillor Barnes

Notice received from:

Date: 10th March 2014

Councillor Serridge

Notice received and validated by the S151 Officer: Phil Seddon

Comments: No comments.

Date: 11th March 2014

Notice received and validated by the Monitoring Officer: Stuart Sugarman

Comments: No comments.

Date: 11th March 2014

Notice received on behalf of the Head of the Paid Service and entered in the book open to Public Inspection

Received by: Helen Lockwood

Date: 12th March 2014