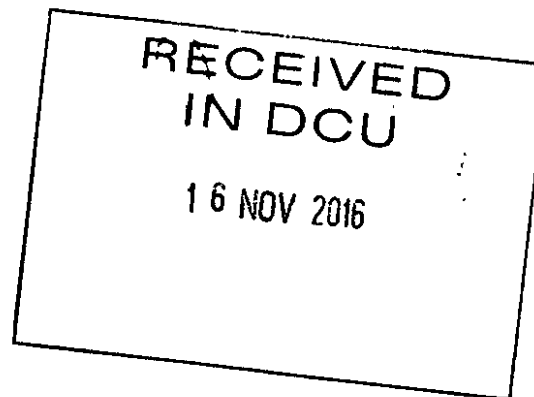


10<sup>th</sup> November 2016

The Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP  
Home Secretary  
House of Commons  
London  
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Dear Minister,

We write in respect of a meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council on 22 September 2016.

At that meeting, Council considered a Notice of Motion calling for a government review into gaming machine stakes and it was RESOLVED:

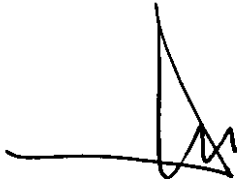
That this Council calls for:

- The current £100 maximum Fixed Odds Betting Terminal stake to be brought in line with maximum stakes for other gaming machines allowed elsewhere on high streets (£2) and in casinos (£5); and for the Gambling Act 2005 be aligned with licensing legislation to ensure a joined up approach to dealing with this issue.;
- Statutory cumulative impact tests to be introduced to enable councils to reject applications for new betting shops where there are already existing clusters of shops;
- Licensing law to be updated to allow councils to take health issues associated with problem gambling and anti-social behaviour concerns into account when considering applications.
- The Leader and the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt MP and the Home Secretary, Amber Rudd MP and the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Karen Bradley MP together with our local members of parliament, Melanie Onn MP and Martin Vickers MP calling for an urgent review and new powers so that North East Lincolnshire Council can do more to help some of the most vulnerable people in our community.
- The noting of the work initiated by Newham Council, who submitted a Sustainable Communities Act proposal to reduce the maximum fixed odds betting terminal stake to £2, and further noting, following the Government's rejection of that proposal, the efforts made by the Local Government Association to pursue this debate on behalf of concerned Councils and accordingly for the Leader and the Chief Executive to write to the Local Government Association expressing the Council's support.

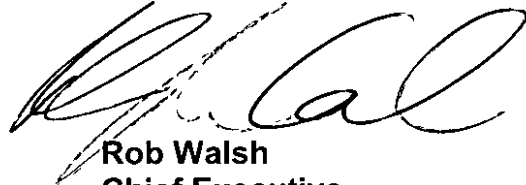
We therefore write to bring both this issue and the resolutions of North East Lincolnshire Council to your attention.

We look forward to your response which will be shared with all members of North East Lincolnshire Council for their consideration.

Yours sincerely



**Councillor Ray Oxby**  
**Leader**



**Rob Walsh**  
**Chief Executive**