

REVIEW OF STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

1 Introduction to the Gambling Act 2005

The Gambling Act 2005 provides a regime of licences and permits for gambling activities including betting and holding lotteries. Here are the main authorisations issued by Stroud District Council

Licence or Permit Type	Number In Stroud District
Gambling Premises Licence for betting shops	5
Gambling Premises Licence for adult gaming centres	2 (Michael wood Services)
Permit for gaming machines in a family entertainment centre	2 (Michael wood services)
Registration for small societies to hold lotteries	152

In Stroud District there have been very few new applications for gambling premises licences since the Gambling Act came into force and we have never had a Gambling Act hearing.

2 Statement of Principles

The statement of principles is the Council's policy on how we deal with Gambling Act applications and enforce licensed premises.

The Act says that we must review our statement of principles every 3 years. Stroud District Council's current statement expires on 31st January 2022. The Act states that the review process must include formal consultation and the final statement must be adopted by full Council.

The Gambling Commission has produced a [Councillor's guide to Statements of Principles](#)

3 Procedure for Reviewing the Statement of Principles

In the last three years there have been no significant changes to the Gambling Act 2005 legislation that would impact on local authority statements. Therefore, no changes from Stroud District Council's current statement of principles are proposed. However, in accordance with the legal requirement the new statement must be consulted on and readopted.

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Review Timetable

17 th May 2021 to 31 st July 2021	A draft statement will be put out for consultation and comments invited as to whether any changes should be made.
Beginning of August 2021	Any changes proposed during the consultation will be put into a schedule and considered by the Principal Licensing Officer and the Chair and Vice Chair of Community Services and Licensing Committee to draft any proposed responses or amendments to the statements.
September 2021	Report to Community Services and Licensing Committee who will agree a final statement and recommend it is adopted by Council
October 2021	Adoption by Full Council
31 st January 2022	Statement comes into effect

5 Consultation

[The draft statement of principles for consultation and how to make comment is on the Council's webpage](#)

The link is being sent to a wide range of consultees including Gambling Act licence holders, responsible authorities including Gloucestershire Safeguarding Board, Gloucestershire Police and Gloucestershire public health and all town and parish councils. A full list of consultees is included as an appendix to the draft Statement.

6 Member Comments on the draft Statement

All Members are invited to look at the draft statement which is on the consultation webpage shown above. Comments can be emailed to licensing@stroud.gov.uk Member comments will be included in the schedule of comments and if necessary there can be further discussion at the September 2021 Committee meeting.

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