

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL'S LICENSING AND GAMBLING POLICIES

Stroud District Council is the Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005.

- The Licensing Act 2003 relates to licences and temporary event notices for sale of alcohol, entertainment and late night refreshment
- The Gambling Act 2005 relates to licences for gambling premises such as betting shops and amusement arcades and permits and permissions for gaming machines and small society lotteries

Both Acts put a legal obligation on the Council to determine a local policy. The purpose of the policy is to give guidance to applicants, licence holders and local residents on how the Council will make its decisions.

Stroud District Council's current policies expire in January 2016. The Council must review and re-adopt both policies before this date. Before adopting its policies the Council must put them out for consultation.

In accordance with the requirements of the legislation both policies must be re-adopted by Full Council

Draft policies for consultation have been produced by updating the current policies. There are no significant changes however minor amendments have been made to reflect changes in legislation and Government guidance.

The draft policies will be put out for formal consultation for ten weeks. As a member of Community Services and Licensing Committee you will be included as a consultee and will receive an email with links to the draft policies and explanation of consultation process. If you have any comments about the draft policies that you wish to be considered as part of the consultation, please submit them to Rachel Andrew, Principal Licensing Officer before the end of the consultation period.

All consultation comments will be considered by a working party made up of the Principal Licensing Officer, Licensing Officer, Council Solicitor and the Chair of Community Services and Licensing Committee.

The final draft policies will go before Community Services and Licensing Committee for consideration in September 2015 with a view to recommending adoption by Full Council on 15 October 2015

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Timetable

15 June 2015 to 21 Aug 2015	Formal consultation period
Aug 2015	Consideration of consultation comments by working party
3 Sept 2015	Committee consider and approve Final Draft Policies
15 Oct 2012	Adoption by Full Council
Dec 2015	Policies published
Jan 2016	Policies come into force

For further information on the draft policies or if you have any general queries about the Licensing Act and Gambling Act please contact

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