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REVIEW OF STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (GAMBLING ACT 2005)**1 Introduction to the Gambling Act 2005**

The Gambling Act 2005 provides a regime of licences and permits for gambling activities. The Licensing Service at Stroud issue the following authorisations under the Gambling Act 2005.

Licence Or Permit Type	Number In Stroud District
Premises Licence for betting shops	6
Premises Licence for adult gaming centres	2 (Michael Wood Services)
Permit for gaming machines in a family entertainment centre	2 (Michael Wood Services)
Permit for gaming machines in Clubs	19
Permit for more than 2 gaming machines in premises licensed for on sales of alcohol	4
Notification for up to 2 gaming machines in premises licensed for on sales of alcohol	52
Registration for small societies to hold lotteries	185

In Stroud District there have been very few new applications for 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 our 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's current Statement expires in January 2019. The Act states that the review process must include formal consultation and the final Statement must be adopted by full Council.

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The Gambling Commission has produced a Councillor’s guide to Statements of Principles <http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/PDF/quick-guides/Councillors-guide.pdf>

3 Procedure for Reviewing the Statement of Principles

The revised Statement of Principles, including any consultation comments, will be considered by Community Services and Licensing Committee at the meeting in September 2018. The Committee will agree a final draft and make a recommendation that it is adopted by Council.

Timetable

10 th May 2018	Head of Health and Wellbeing approves a draft Statement for Consultation
14 th May 2018 – 31 st July 2018	Consultation Period
Beginning of August 2018	Chair and Vice Chair of Community Services and Licensing Committee, Principal Licensing Officer, Head of Health and Wellbeing and a Solicitor from the Legal Section consider comments from the consultation and make a recommendations to Committee
6 th September 2018	Report to Community Services and Licensing Committee who will agree a final statement and recommend it is adopted by Council
18 th October 2018	Report to full Council for adoption
31 st January 2019	Statement comes into effect

4 Changes in the revised Statement for consultation

The main changes are:

Local Risk Assessments - The Gambling Commission’s licence conditions and code of practice require licensees to assess the local risks at licensed premises to the licensing objectives and to have procedures and control measures to mitigate those risks. Stroud’s draft statement gives more detail on our expectations.

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Local Area Profile – The Gambling Commission has suggested that Council's may wish to create a local area profile which it would then expect licensees to take account of when doing their own local risk assessments. The draft statement has had a statement added explaining that, as we only have a low number of premises, we will not be producing a local area profile.

Plans – The draft statement expands guidance about what is expected from applicants regarding the plans of premises. The draft also clarifies the process if the layout of a licensed premises changes.

Location of Licensed Premises – The draft statement expands on the matters the Council will have regard to when considering the suitability of a location.

5 Consultation

The draft Statement of Principles for consultation is on the Council's webpage through this link

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/business/licensing-permits/gambling-permits-and-lotteries-gambling-act-2005/2018-consultation-on-statement-of-principles-gambling-act-2005>

A consultation email inviting comment is being sent to a wide range of consultees including gambling act licence holders, responsible authorities including Gloucestershire safeguarding board and Gloucestershire public health, ward members and town and parish councils. A full list of consultees is included as an appendix to the draft Statement. The consultation period will end on **31st July 2018**. All comments received during consultation will be put in a schedule and included in the report that goes to Community Services and Licensing Committee in September 2018.

6 Committee Member Comments on the draft Statement

All Members including Members of Community Services and Licensing Committee are advised to make any comments about the draft Statement during the consultation period by emailing the licensing section on 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 Committee meeting.

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