

Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Principles

Glossary of Terms

1. The Licensing Objectives under the Gambling Act 2005 –

In exercising most of their functions under the Gambling Act 2005, licensing authorities must have regard to the licensing objectives set out in section 1 of the Act. In particular, licensing authorities must have regard to the licensing objectives when exercising their functions in relation to premises licences, temporary use notices and some permits. The objectives are:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

2. Responsible Authorities –

Public bodies that must be notified of applications and that are entitled to make representations to the licensing authority in relation to applications.

3. Interested Parties –

An interested party may make representations on an application. Someone who the licensing authority considers lives sufficiently close to the premises to be likely to be affected by the authorised activities, has business interests that might be affected by the authorised activities or represents persons in either of these groups would be classed as an interested party. Democratically elected people like Ward councillors and MP's can also be interested parties.

4. Enforcement –

Enforcement is carried out by authorised officers of the licensing authority and responsible authorities to ensure compliance with legislation.

5. Adult Gaming Centre –

An amusement arcade to which only persons over the age of 18 years may be admitted. These premises are allowed certain higher categories of gaming machine.

6. Licensed Family Entertainment Centre –

An amusement arcade to which persons under 18 years of age may be permitted. These premises are allowed one higher category of gaming machine but under 18's must not be permitted to use these.

7. Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre –

An amusement arcade that is only allowed the lowest category of machine and persons under 18 years of age are allowed access.

8. Bingo Premises –

Premises permitted to offer games of bingo and certain categories of gaming machine.

9. Betting Shop –

Premises permitted to offer the placing of bets and certain categories of gaming machine.

10. Betting Track –

A horse racecourse, greyhound track or other premises on any part of which a race or other sporting event takes place.

11. Casino –

A casino permits the participating in of one or more casino games, which means games of chance. A casino is also allowed to offer certain higher categories of gaming machine.

12. Provisional Statement –

A person may apply for a provisional statement for a premises that he or she:

- Expects to be constructed
- Expects to be altered
- Expects to acquire a right to occupy

13. Review –

A responsible authority or interested party may seek a review of a premises licence if, for example, they feel that one or more of the licensing objectives is being compromised by that licence.