

Review of B&NES Gambling Policy



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Some background...

- » Gambling Act 2005 consolidated and updated previous legislation
- » In 2012, 28 million people participated in some form of gambling...many remotely by phone or internet
- » Local authorities regulate non-remote gambling i.e. premises based gambling

The role of local licensing authorities

- » Setting local framework through statement of principles and policy (reviewed every 3 years)
- » Consider applications and issue licences, with conditions if necessary
- » Review or revoke licences
- » Issue permits for some forms of gambling
- » Inspections and enforcement activities

What are the licensing objectives?

- » 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;

What gambling premises do we have?

- » **1** casino premises licence
- » **1** racetrack premises licence
- » **14** betting shop premises licences
- » **17** *club* gaming machine permits
- » **98** *licensed premises* gaming machine permits
- » **No complaints received about any premises since last review**

How are we going to consult about our policy?

- » 12 week consultation period
- » via consultation portal on Council's website
<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/consultations/gambling-act-2005-statement-principles>
- » Responsible authorities contacted e.g. Police, HM Revenue and Customs

The Democratic process

- » Policy will be reviewed by Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel
- » Brought back to Licensing Committee in October 2015 for recommendation to proceed to Full Council decision
- » Adoption in November 2015 by Full Council

Any questions?