

Appendix A- Responses to public consultation on the Review of the Council's Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005

Comment	Officer response
<p>We are broadly supportive of the proposed principles.</p> <p>One specific issue which has been raised by residents which does not seem to be explicitly addressed is displays visible outside the premises which are not directly advertising gambling but are likely to attract young people to the premises an example being TV screens showing major sporting events.</p> <p>We are also not clear how the enforcement regime will be modified to address the challenge of policing a casino operating over much longer hours than traditional Bath gambling establishments.</p>	<p>After consultation with the Gambling Commission, whilst there is advice about the advertising of gambling activities, the guidance is silent on other attractions, like TV screens showing major events, which may encourage young people to visit premises.</p> <p>Officers consider this to be a valid point and will consider on a case by case basis during the routine inspection of gambling premises.</p> <p>The Gambling Commission has licenced the operator of Bath's casino (Century Casinos) and will check compliance with the terms of their operators licence. An inspection has already been carried out since the opening of the casino in May 2018.</p> <p>The Casino will also be subject to unannounced visits from the Licensing Enforcement Group which will typically take place late evening/early hours of the morning.</p>
<p>What's the rationale for asking premises "to assess staffing levels when a local college closes and students begin to vacate the grounds" (page 21)? Are college students more likely to gamble than university students or other member of the population?</p>	<p>Advice has been sought from the Gambling Commission regarding this comment. It is relevant to say that all students, college or university, are vulnerable to gambling addiction when they are required to take responsibility for managing their own personal budgets for the first time. The recommendation is that this bullet point on page 21 is revised to take account of all students:</p> <p><b><i>"Assessing staffing levels when all students (college or university) maybe more vulnerable to gambling addiction, i.e. at the start of a new term."</i></b></p>