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## Melksham Town Council

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To: Councillor J Hubbard (Chair)  
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Councillor S Mortimer  
Councillor J Oatley  
Councillor S Rabey

13 August 2021

Dear Councillors

In accordance with the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972, Sch 12, paras 10 (2)(b) you are invited to attend the **Economic Development and Planning Committee** meeting of the Melksham Town Council. The meeting will be held at Melksham Town Hall on **Monday 16th August 2021** commencing at **7.00 pm**.

A period of public participation will take place in accordance with Standing Order 3(F) prior to the formal opening of the meeting. The Press and Public are welcome to attend this meeting.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A Roberts BA(Hons), PGCAP, FHEA, FSLCC  
Town Clerk and RFO

**Melksham Town Council  
Economic Development and Planning Committee**

**Monday 16 August 2021  
At 7.00 pm at Melksham Town Hall**

**Public Participation** – To receive questions from members of the public.

*In the exercise of Council functions. Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, Human Rights and the need to conserve biodiversity. The Council also has a duty to tackle discrimination, provide equality of opportunity for all and foster good relations in the course of developing policies and delivery services under the public sector Equality Duty and Equality 2010.*

**AGENDA**

**9. Wiltshire Council Gambling Statement of Licensing Principles (Pages 1 - 6)**

To note that the consultation period for the Wiltshire Council Gambling Statement of Licensing Principles has now begun and will run until 22 August 2021. To receive an advisory report from the Economic Development Manager and decide on a response from Melksham Town Council. Report to follow.

Please see the link below:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/licences-permits-gambling>



## MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

16 AUGUST 2021

#### BRIEFING: Wiltshire Council Gambling Statement of Licensing Principles

##### 1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At the meeting of The Economic Development and Planning Committee on 26 July, it was resolved to defer the discussion and consultation feedback on the **Wiltshire Council Gambling Statement of Licensing Principles** consultation to the following meeting (16 August 2021).
- 1.2 This would allow further information to be gathered in order to facilitate discussions.

##### 2 DETAILS

- 2.1 As required under the Gambling Act 2005, Wiltshire Council is obligated to review its Gambling Statement of Licensing Principles policy every three years or when it is necessary to update the policy. Part of the review process is to consult with those bodies/ individuals that Wiltshire Council believes may be affected by the changes.
- 2.2 A briefing paper has been submitted by the Wiltshire Council Licensing Manager, which can be found at Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.3 The consultation closes on 22 August 2021.

##### 3 PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES

- 3.1 The current consultation period will run until 22 August 2021. Wiltshire Council advises that only two proposed changes and one addition have been made to the policy. These are detailed below:
  - 3.1.1 **Page 5, Introduction** - update to the current number and make-up of the Gambling Premises in Wiltshire.
    - 3.1.1.1 'There are currently 38 Licensed Gambling Premises in Wiltshire comprising of: five Adult Gaming Centres, 29 Betting Shops, a Bingo Hall, and Salisbury Racecourse. There are also two Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centres and a number of premises who hold Permits for Gaming Machines.'
  - 3.1.2 **Appendix D - addition of the sentence** 'These figures are correct as of 2018, up to date figures will be provided, when a local area profile is requested' under the Wiltshire Area Profile.
  - 3.1.3 **Appendix E - updated address for Gamcare.**

#### **4 RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 That Members should indicate their proposed response, which will allow officers to submit prior to the close of the consultation.

#### **5 CONTACT**

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**APPENDIX 1: Briefing paper from the Wiltshire Council Licensing Manager**

# Gambling Consultation Statement

Wiltshire Council is a Licensing Authority under the Gambling Act 2005 and is responsible for the licensing of non-remote gambling. Online gambling, as advertised on the television etc, is not under the Local authority jurisdiction but is the responsibility of the Gambling Commission.

The Council is required under section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 to produce a 'Statement of Principles for Gambling'. This important document sets out the principles the Council will apply when carrying out its functions under the Gambling Act 2005 and has to be reviewed and republished at least every three years.

The statement sets out a general approach to making licensing decisions.

Applicants for licences and permits need to consider the Statement of Licensing Principles when making applications and premises need to take it into account when conducting a risk assessment for the premises.

The statement relates to all those licensing activities identified as falling within the provisions of the Act applicable to the licensing authority namely:

- Premises licences (following "operation" licence being granted by the Gambling Commission)
- Gaming Permits
- Occasional and Temporary Use Notices (permitted activity)
- Small Society Lotteries

Having undertaken a comprehensive review of our statement in 2018, and as there have been no significant changes to relevant legislation and guidance, Wiltshire Council is not proposing to make any significant amendments to the current Statement of Principles.

Only two changes and one addition have been made to the policy as detailed below.

**Page 5, Introduction** - update to the current number and make up of the Gambling Premises in Wiltshire.

'There are currently 38 Licensed Gambling Premises in Wiltshire comprising of: five Adult Gaming Centres, 29 Betting Shops, a Bingo Hall, and Salisbury Racecourse. There are also two Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centres and a number of premises who hold Permits for Gaming Machines.'

**Appendix D** - addition of the sentence *'These figures are correct as of 2018, up to date figures will be provided, when a local area profile is requested'* under the Wiltshire Area Profile.

**Appendix E** - updated address for Gamcare.

The Council is inviting comments on the draft revised Statement of Principles from all interested parties including residents and those running businesses in the Wiltshire.

We have been mindful of the demographics of our county and the impact the policy is having on managing gambling activity for the benefit of the economy and the communities in Wiltshire.

The consultation will remain open for comments until 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021. All responses will be analysed and then a final draft Statement of Principles will be submitted to the Licensing Committee for comment and recommendation for approval at full Council. The policy will then replace the existing policy in January 2022.

 [Draft Wiltshire Council Statement of Principles 2022 - 2024](#)  
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