

Changes to the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy - information.



Gambling Act 2005

There is one **gambling** law in the United Kingdom. It is called the **Gambling Act 2005**.

When someone wants to gamble in a building they need a licence. Sefton Council are responsible for deciding who can have a gambling licence.

Sefton Council needs to show how it has understood the Gambling law.

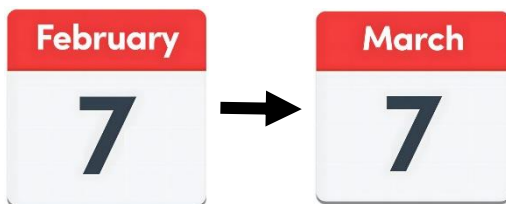
It does this using a document called the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy.

This document needs to be looked at every **three** years. We need to make sure that it is up to date with any changes in the law.

This document will next be looked at in 2025. We will be asking people who are interested their comments about changes to this document.

When is it happening?

We will be asking people their ideas on the latest draft Policy document between **7th February 2025 and 7th March 2025**.





If you are interested, you can give your comments in different ways.

You can email them to: Licensing@sefton.gov.uk.

You can write and post them to:



Licensing Unit,
Magdalen House,
30 Trinity Road,
Bootle L20 3NJ.



You can ask to have a different way to give your ideas by calling 0151 934 2271.



If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, it would help us if you could give us:

- the name of the organisation
- your job in that organisation
- brief description of who the organisation represents.

You do not need to give us this information if you do not work for an organisation.

Why are we consulting?



The Gambling Act 2005 tells us that we need to ask for the views of these people and organisations:

- The Chief Officer of Police for the Authority's area (Sefton)
- People who have gambling businesses in the Sefton area (for example owners of Betting Shops)
- People who are likely to be affected by Sefton Council carrying out the functions under the Gambling Act 2005 (for example people who use Betting Shops).



In deciding what changes to make to the policy we have to look at:



- Who is telling us their views, why they are interested in the consultation and if they are an expert.
- How the ideas are useful to how licensing works.
- How many other people have the same or similar views.
- If the ideas are useful for the policy to include in Sefton.



What happens after the consultation?



We will be asking lots of people and groups for their comments.

The Council has laws it must follow about sharing information when people ask to see it. This law is called Freedom of Information.



Information we are given in this consultation may be shared under these rules. If you do not want us to share your ideas, please let us know.

Any personal information will not be shared this is a law we follow too.



Your comments will be looked at and it may mean that changes will be made to the draft policy.

The final policy will be presented to all the Elected Members at what is called a Full Council Meeting to approve.



Elected Members are people who look at information and make decisions.