

STRATFORD DISTRICT GAMBLING VENUE POLICY

1. **OBJECTIVES**

- 1.1 To control the growth of Class 4 and TAB gambling within the district.
- 1.2 To facilitate responsible gambling within the district.

2. **LOCATION REQUIREMENTS**

- 2.1 Class 4 gambling venues and TAB outlets may only be established subject to being either:
 - A permitted activity under the Stratford District Plan, or
 - An existing use pursuant to Section 10 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 2.2 All new Class 4 gambling venues shall be located in premises for which there is either an On Licence, with a Restricted Designation and which has been renewed, or a renewed Club Licence, pursuant to the Sale of Liquor Act 1989.

3. **NUMBERS OF MACHINES**

- 3.1 All new venues will be permitted a maximum of nine gaming machines.
- 3.2 Existing venues, with licences issued between 17 October 2001 and 18 September 2003 and operating fewer than nine machines, will be permitted to increase the number of gaming machines to a maximum of nine.
- 3.3 Existing venues, with licences issued before 17 October 2001 and operating fewer than 18 machines, shall not be permitted to increase the number of gaming machines operated at that venue past nine.
- 3.4 Except as provided in 3.5, where two or more clubs legally and physically combine their premises the number of gaming machines they may operate must not in any case exceed nine.
- 3.5 Where two or more clubs, with Gaming Licences existing on the date that this policy takes effect, legally and physically combine their premises the number of gaming machines they may operate must not in any case exceed the total number of machines specified on 18 September 2003 by those club Venue Licences.

4. **CONSENT APPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Applications for consent from the Stratford District Council shall be on the approved form and include:
 - Name and contact details of the:
 - Applicant.
 - Trust.
 - Trustees.
 - Street address of proposed premises.
 - Proposed number of gaming machines.
 - Details of current licences issued under the Sale of Liquor Act 1989.

- Certificate of Compliance with the Stratford District Plan.
- Application fee.

5. APPLICATION FEES

- 5.1 Application fees for consent will be set by the Stratford District Council from time to time, pursuant to Section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002, and shall include consideration of:
- The actual cost of processing the application, including any consultation and hearings involved.
 - The actual costs of reviewing the Gambling Venue Policy.

6. DECISION MAKING

- 6.1 The Council shall consider a complete application for consent within ten working days.
- 6.2 The determination shall be made by the Chief Executive or by any officer appointed by him.
- 6.3 An applicant may, within ten working days of the determination being made, appeal the determination to the Executive Committee of the Stratford District Council for a hearing.

7. COMMENCEMENT

- 7.1 This policy shall take effect from 23 March 2004.

8. REVIEW

- 8.1 This policy shall be reviewed prior to the first anniversary of the date on which it takes effect and then prior to each triennial anniversary of that initial review.

9. REVIEW SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Reviewed 12 July 2005
- 9.2 Reviewed 09 September 2008