



# Gambling Act 2005

## 2005 CHAPTER 19

### PART 2

#### THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

#### **25 Guidance to local authorities**

- (1) The Commission shall from time to time issue guidance as to—
  - (a) the manner in which local authorities are to exercise their functions under this Act, and
  - (b) in particular, the principles to be applied by local authorities in exercising functions under this Act.
- (2) A local authority shall have regard to guidance issued under subsection (1).
- (3) The Commission shall publish guidance issued under subsection (1).
- (4) Before issuing guidance under subsection (1) the Commission shall consult—
  - (a) the Secretary of State,
  - (b) Her Majesty's Commissioners of Customs and Excise,
  - (c) the Scottish Ministers,
  - (d) one or more persons who appear to the Commission to represent local authorities,
  - (e) one or more persons who appear to the Commission to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses, and
  - (f) one or more persons who appear to the Commission to have knowledge about social problems relating to gambling.
- (5) Before issuing guidance under subsection (1) the Commission shall also consult, if and to the extent that the Commission thinks appropriate having regard to the nature of the guidance—
  - (a) one or more persons who appear to the Commission to represent chief constables of police forces,<sup>F1</sup>...
  - [<sup>F2</sup>(aa) the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland, and]

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- (b) in such manner as the Commission thinks appropriate, members of the public.
- (6) In this section “local authority” means—
- (a) in relation to England—
- (i) a district council,
  - (ii) a county council for a county in which there are no district councils,
  - (iii) a London borough council,
  - (iv) the Common Council of the City of London,
  - (v) the Sub-Treasurer of the Inner Temple and the Under-Treasurer of the Middle Temple, and
  - (vi) the Council of the Isles of Scilly,
- (b) in relation to Wales—
- (i) a county council, and
  - (ii) a county borough council, and
- (c) in relation to Scotland, a licensing board <sup>F3</sup>continued in existence by or established under section 5 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 16) ] .

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 25(5)(a) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Provisions and Modifications\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/602\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 49(4)(a)**
- F2** S. 25(5)(aa) inserted (1.4.2013) by [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Provisions and Modifications\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/602\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 49(4)(b)**
- F3** Words in s. 25(6)(c) substituted (1.9.2009 at 5.00 a.m.) by [The Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2005 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2009 \(S.S.I. 2009/248\)](#), **sch. 1 para. 12(3)** (with art. 3)

#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 25 in force at 1.10.2005 by [S.I. 2005/2455](#), art. 2(1), **Sch.** (with art. 3)

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