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# The Gambling Bill

## Key issues for local government

The bill implements many of the recommendations of the Gambling Review Body (the Budd Report, 2001) and removes a number of the current restrictions on gambling as well as establishing a new unified regime, covering remote gambling for the first time.

Local authorities will licence gambling premises in their areas, such as betting shops, casinos and bingo halls, while commercial operators and individual staff will be licensed by a new central body, the Gambling Commission.

The LGA welcomes the bill's transfer of licensing powers over gambling premises to local councils because this will give residents a stronger voice on the granting of licences, as decisions will be made by elected local representatives who are accountable to their communities.

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