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London Borough of Islington

Licensing Committee – 28 November 2007

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held at 10am, on 28 November 2007, at Islington Town Hall.

Present: **Councillors:** George Allan, Anna Berent, Wally Burgess,
Barry Edwards, Mouna Hamitouche, Tracy Ismail,
Stefan Kasprzyk and Marisha Ray

Also present: **Councillors:** Janet Burgess and Catherine West

Councillor Stefan Kasprzyk in the Chair

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)

Received from Councillors Fiona Dunlop and Terry Stacy.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

3. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S LICENSING POLICY (Item 3)

The Licensing Officer laid round an updated version of Appendix B, detailing the Licensing Authority's response to the issues raised during the consultation exercise. He also highlighted the fact that the areas for change in the policy were detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report.

Councillor Ismail, seconded by Councillor Wally Burgess, proposed that consideration of the report be deferred to allow members more time to consider the policy. Following a vote, the proposal was lost.

Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Wally Burgess, proposed amendments to the policy which were laid round.

Jan Hart, the Assistant Director of Public Protection, pointed out that the proposed amendment to Licensing Policy 1 would have cost implications and was not something that could be implemented without investigation. She added that the 50m radius for consultation was used as guidance only and that Licensing Division often consulted residents living wider than this area. On that basis, Councillor Edwards agreed to withdraw his proposed amendment to Licensing Policy 1.

Following discussion of Licensing Policy 20, Councillor Wally Burgess, seconded by Councillor Edwards, proposed further amendments to his laid round amendment as follows: that the word "exceptional" be deleted from line 4 of paragraph 76 of the policy and that paragraph 77 be deleted.

Following a vote on each, the amendments to Licensing Policy 20 and 21 were carried.

RESOLVED:

That Council be recommended to adopt the licensing policy for 2008 – 2011, appended to the report of the Director of Environment and Regeneration, with the following amendments:

Licensing Policy 20

Delete the word “exceptional” from line 4 of paragraph 76

Delete paragraph 77

Licensing Policy 21

Insert at end of first paragraph “These premises may also require a licence under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982”.

Insert new paragraph “Both the Licensing Authority and the Police have concerns about crime and disorder and public nuisance issues that can arise from the operation of premises where these activities are carried on. The carrying on of these activities can provide the opportunity for prostitution, pimping and other offences of a sexual nature. Further, the location and operation of such premises can give rise to public nuisance issues. Accordingly, this policy has been adopted to ensure proper regulation of premises where these activities are proposed and offered.”

Add new sentence at end of paragraph 78 “The activities may be considered relevant when considering the promotion of licensing objectives.”

Delete paragraph 79.

In paragraph 80 insert before “unless”, “where the premises are in close proximity to

- residential accommodation;
- schools;
- places of worship;
- youth clubs;
- community centres; and
- other premises where entertainment of a similar nature takes place, and...”

Insert new paragraph after paragraph 80 “Where appropriate, the Council will also take into account the cumulative effect of a number of such premises on the character of the area in question.”

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.

CHAIR

