



Report of: Director of Corporate Resources

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
Licensing Committee	18 June 2008	A4	All

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## Subject: CHANGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEES FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2008/09.

### 1. Synopsis

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to make an amendment to the membership of the Licensing Sub-Committees C and D.
- 1.2. Licensing Sub-Committees support the Council's 'One Islington' Vision by demonstrating its commitment to community involvement in local, accountable and transparent decision making.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That Councillor Jyoti Vaja be appointed as Vice-Chair of Licensing Sub-Committee C and Stefan Kasprzyk be appointed as Vice-Chair of Licensing Sub-Committee D until successors are appointed.

### 3. Background

- 3.1. As Councillor Vaja is unable to attend meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee D it will be necessary to make a change to the Sub-Committee membership.
- 3.2. The current membership of the Licensing Sub-Committees is set out below for information.

### Licensing Sub-Committee A:

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Substitutes:</b>
<b>Councillor George Allan (<i>Chair</i>)</b> <b>Councillor Anna Berent (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)</b> <b>Councillor Joan Coupland</b>	All other members of the Licensing Committee.

### Licensing Sub-Committee B:

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Substitutes:</b>
<b>Councillor Fiona Dunlop (<i>Chair</i>)</b> <b>Councillor Donna Boffa(<i>Vice-Chair</i>)</b> <b>Councillor Wally Burgess</b>	All other members of the Licensing Committee.

### Licensing Sub-Committee C:

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Substitutes:</b>
<b>Councillor Laura Willoughby(<i>Chair</i>)</b> <b>Councillor Stefan Kasprzyk (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)</b> <b>Councillor Barry Edwards</b>	All other members of the Licensing Committee.

### Licensing Sub-Committee D:

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Substitutes:</b>
<b>Councillor Tracy Ismail (<i>Chair</i>)</b> <b>Councillor Jyoti Vaja (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)</b> <b>Councillor Terry Stacey</b>	All other members of the Licensing Committee.

## 4 Implications

### 4.1 Finance Implications

None

### 4.2 Legal implications

- 4.2.1 The Licensing Act 2003 provides a single integrated scheme for licensing premises used for the sale and supply of alcohol, the provision of regulated public entertainment and the provision of late night refreshment.
- 4.2.2 The Act provides procedures for regulating the discharge by the licensing authority of its functions. Authorities are required to publish a policy framework document every three years. In producing the document a licensing authority is required to take account of the views of those representing the holders of licences and certificates, local residents and businesses, the police and the fire authority. Licensing authorities are also required to take into account guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

4.2.3 The Act requires that each licensing authority establish a licensing committee of between ten and fifteen members. A licensing committee may form one or more sub-committees, each comprising three members of the committee. The Secretary of State is given the power to make regulations relating to the committees and sub-committees' proceedings, public access to their meetings, publicity, agendas and records. Otherwise, licensing committees may regulate their own procedure and that of their sub-committees.

4.2.4 A licensing committee may delegate its functions to one or more sub-committees, or to an officer of the licensing authority. Subsection (3) provides that more than one such sub-committee or officer can discharge the same functions at the same time: thus, for example, a busy licensing committee which is faced with a high volume of licence applications could arrange for a number of licensing sub-committees to deal with them in parallel. However, subsection (4) sets out certain functions which may not be delegated to an officer. These are functions in respect of which representations or objections have been made and those functions which it is appropriate for the licensing committee or one of its licensing sub-committees to deal with.

### 4.3 Equalities impact assessment

There are no direct equality implications arising from the appointment of the Sub-Committees.

## 5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendation

5.1 The Committee should approve this report in order for the Licensing Sub-Committee to be properly constituted.

### Background papers:

Islington Council's Constitution

Final Report Clearance

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