

London Borough of Islington

Licensing Committee – 2 November 2009

Minutes of an additional meeting of the Licensing Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 2 November 2009 at 10.00am.

Present: **Councillors:** Wally Burgess, Barry Edwards, Greg Foxsmith, Tracy Ismail and Stefan Kasprzyk.

Councillor Tracy Ismail in the Chair

29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)

None.

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A2)

None.

31. GAMBLING ACT 2005: REVISION OF LICENSING AUTHORITY POLICY STATEMENT (Item A3)

Councillor Ismail reported that this meeting had been held as part of the consultation process. If necessary a further Licensing Committee could be held after the consultation deadline had expired and before the Council meeting. The policy would be agreed by Council on 3 December.

The following points were raised during the discussion:

- Detailed guidance was available on how local policies should be written.
- Appendix 2 of the report, which had been written with a local context, would be incorporated into the policy document.
- It was not necessary to repeat information in the policy which was already included in legislation.
- Counsel opinion on the draft policy was currently being sought.
- It was noted that there had been an application for judicial review following the refusal of an application for split premises, but the result of the review would not be known until after the policy had been published.
- The policy could be amended if necessary, even after adoption.
- The Service Director for Public Protection was asked to prepare a good code of practice to be annexed to the policy and a suitable paragraph regarding management standards to be inserted into the policy document.
- It was suggested that lists contained within the draft may not be all inclusive and where necessary these should be given as examples.
- Planning issues should be included in the core strategy.
- Further consultation be extended to appropriate parties including the Safer Neighbourhood Panels, schools – particular those using the Archway transport hub and other groups in the Nags Head area.
- It was considered that a leaflet should be designed to help residents present objections to committee.
- It was noted that the Licensing Committee could delegate to the Director of Environment and Regeneration any changes necessary to the policy, prior to it being presented to Council in December.

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RESOLVED

- 1) That additional consultation be held with appropriate parties.
- 2) Members be supplied with advice notes and the good practice guide to assist them in cross referencing comments they wish to put forward for inclusion.
- 3) That the policy document be redrafted to take on board the comments made and a further meeting of the Licensing Committee be held before the Council meeting on 3 December to consider the final document.

The meeting ended at 11.10am.

CHAIR