

## London Borough of Islington

### LICENSING REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 29 JANUARY 2007

Non-exempt minutes of the additional meeting of the Licensing Regulatory Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD, on 29 January 2007, at 2.30 pm.

**Present:**      **Councillors:** Joan Coupland, Fiona Dunlop (Chair) and Stefan Kasprzyk

#### Councillor Fiona Dunlop in the Chair

**023      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)**

None received.

**024      DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)**

None.

**025      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)**

None.

**026      STREET TRADING ACCOUNT – REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES  
(Item B1)**

There were no objectors present.

The Chair agreed that supplementary information from the Service Manager for Trading Standards and Street Trading, benchmarking Islington street trading charges with a number of other authorities, and illustrating levels of current fees if they had risen with inflation since 2003, be laid round as it would help to inform members' discussion.

The Service Manager pointed out that the figures illustrating what the rise in fees would have been if they had risen with inflation indicated that they would be at approximately the levels being proposed in the report for the Committee's consideration today.

During their discussions, members raised questions about the extent to which the Council, and therefore street traders, were bound into the contract with ICSL for cleaning services and asked officers to investigate this further. In particular, the Committee asked officers to look into the question of whether street traders would be able to pay their fee pitch to the Council and make their own arrangements for cleansing.

Officers also raised with members the matter of efficient payment methods to avoid debt. Councillor Kasprzyk, seconded by Councillor Coupland, suggested that cashless payments should be instigated, either by direct debit or through the Council's online payments system.

**RESOLVED:**

- a) That the proposed increases to the street trading fees and charges, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Assistant Director of Environment and Regeneration (Public Protection), be approved, with effect from 1 April 2007.
- b) That a review of the fees be conducted in September 2007 and the results reported to the Committee.
- c) That officers investigate the extent to which the Council, and therefore street traders, are bound into the contract with ICSL for cleaning services.
- d) That officers instigate a system of cashless payment for street trading and market fees and charges, either through direct debit or through the Council's online payments system.

Reasons for decision

The increases are necessary to ensure that the street trading account does not go into deficit in the period 2007/08. The account is ringfenced and must be used to finance all activities relating to that area. The increased fees are competitive with other boroughs and in line with fees in neighbouring areas.

**027     RENEWAL AND VARIATION OF SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE –  
BASEMENT, REAR GROUND AND MEZZANINE FLOOR OF  
9 CALEDONIAN ROAD, N1 (Item C1)**

The Chair informed all present that a number of late objections to the application had been received and, in the circumstances, the applicant had asked to postpone consideration of his application to the next meeting of the Committee, on 6 March 2007, to allow him time to consider the objections.

The meeting closed at 3.30 pm.

CHAIR