

London Borough of Islington

Licensing Committee - 15 November 2010

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 15 November 2010 at 2:00 pm.

Present: Councillors: Wally Burgess, Barry Edwards, Tracy Ismail, Jean-Roger Kaseki and Claudia Webbe.

Councillor Wally Burgess in the Chair

21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)

Councillors Joan Coupland.

22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A2)

None.

23 MINUTES (Item A3)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on the 8 July 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

24 DRAFT LICENSING POLICY (Item B1)

The Service Manager (Commercial), Public Protection tabled a revised draft policy and a paper on the key findings in the consultation. These would be interleaved with the agenda papers.

It was reported that the most significant change from the draft circulated with the agenda related to Licensing policy 008. The draft policy would be submitted to the Council meeting in December. Following the adoption of the policy, the licensing team would work on other issues which included: the saturation policy in the Clerkenwell area: collecting evidence to support the restriction of the number of off-licences in the borough; and licensees' charters.

In the discussion the following points were raised:

- Should a controlled drinking zone be introduced, it was considered that the public expectation should be well managed, as it would not prevent all problems.
- It was noted that the police kept figures of confiscations.

The following comments be reflected in a revised draft policy.

- In paragraph 61, it was considered that there should also be reference to the Planning Committee.
- The term 'terminal hour' should be included in the glossary.
- Paragraph 59 should be separated into two paragraphs.
- There should be an additional paragraph in licensing policy 7 regarding the use of illegal mini cabs.
- In order to prevent any confusion over the use of 'incidental music', the sentence relating to this in licensing policy 10 should be deleted.
- A paragraph should be included regarding the impact of neighbouring borough policies and noting that Islington should modify its approach accordingly.
- A paragraph should be included regarding joint working with other boroughs.
- In policy 3, a paragraph should be included to reflect the cultural diversity in Islington and encouraging communities to celebrate their culture with events.
- That Finsbury should be included as part of the special policy area.
- On page 15 it should be noted that Islington was the second smallest London borough in geographical area.

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RESOLVED:

- a) That the above comments be included in the draft policy and circulated to members of the Licensing Committee for comment by Monday 22 November 2010.
- b) That the draft policy be submitted to Council on the 2 December 2010.

25 URGENT NON-EXEMPT MATTERS (Item C)

There were no urgent non-exempt matters.

26 CONFIDENTIAL/EXEMPT MATTERS (Item D)

There were confidential/exempt matters.

27 URGENT EXEMPT MATTERS (Item E)

There were no urgent exempt matters.

The meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.

CHAIR.