

# London Borough of Islington

## Licensing Committee – 12 May 2011

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 12 May 2011 at 10:00 am.

**Present:**           **Councillors:**           Raphael Andrews, Wally Burgess, Gary Doolan, Barry Edwards, Tracy Ismail, Marian Spall, Faye Whaley and Claudia Webbe.

### Councillor Faye Whaley in the Chair

**41.           APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)**

Councillors Arthur Graves, Julie Horten and Jean-Roger Kaseki.

**42.           DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A2)**

None.

**43.           MINUTES (Item A3)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Committee held on the 7 and 28 February 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

**44.           APPOINTMENT OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES FOR 2011/12 AND DELEGATION OF LICENSING FUNCTIONS (Item B1)**

The Committee noted the revised report which included the proposed memberships for the Licensing Sub-Committees for 2011/2012. Members noted that Councillor Claudia Webbe would be appointed to Licensing Sub-Committee A and Councillor Jean-Roger Kaseki would be appointed to Licensing Sub-Committee D.

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That four Licensing Sub-Committees be established for 2011/12 with the terms of reference set out in Appendix 1 of the report and that all functions falling within the terms of reference be delegated to them.

(b) That the following members, Chairs and Vice-Chairs, be appointed for 2011/12 or until successors are appointed:

Licensing Sub-Committee A:

Members	Substitutes
Councillor Faye Whaley (Chair) Councillor Barry Edwards (Vice-Chair) Councillor Claudia Webbe	All other members of the Licensing Committee.

Licensing Sub-Committee B:

Members	Substitutes
Councillor Wally Burgess (Chair) Councillor Gary Doolan (Vice-Chair) Councillor Tracy Ismail	All other members of the Licensing Committee.

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### Licensing Sub-Committee C:

Members	Substitutes
Councillor Troy Gallagher (Chair) Councillor Raphael Andrews (Vice-Chair) Councillor Julie Horten	All other members of the Licensing Committee.

### Licensing Sub-Committee D:

Members	Substitutes
Councillor Marian Spall (Chair) Councillor Jean-Roger Kaseki (Vice-Chair) Councillor Arthur Graves	All other members of the Licensing Committee.

c) That the delegations to officers as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

#### 45. **BOROUGH WIDE DESIGNATED PUBLIC PREMISES ORDER – CONSULTATION (ITEM B2)**

The Service Manager (Commercial) reported on the proposal to introduce a borough wide Designated Public Premises Order (DPPO).

In discussion the following points were raised:

- Over 200 responses to the consultation had been received and 85% were in support of a borough wide designated public premises order;
- All licence holders had been consulted and some had provided feedback;
- The licensing team would discuss the enforcement approach with the police;
- Neighbouring boroughs had controlled drinking zones and a DPPO in Islington would help deal with current cross boundary issues;
- The police welcomed the proposal and it was noted that it had been used successfully around the Emirates Stadium;
- The public needed to be made aware that this measure would not solve all anti-social behaviour problems;
- The licensing team had worked closely with community safety to ensure that pathways were strengthened for street drinkers. Officers would liaise with the police regarding this issue;
- The parks patrols and anti-social behaviour teams would need to be involved in the protocol.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

#### 46. **CHANGES TO THE LICENSING ACT 2003 (ITEM B3)**

The Service Manager gave a presentation on the proposed changes to the Licensing Act, outlined in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill. The presentation would be interleaved with the agenda papers.

In discussion the following points were raised.

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- Concern was expressed regarding the lack of public conveniences in areas of saturation e.g. Clerkenwell. The number available could be taken into account when considering applications;
- With the increasing use of Farringdon Station and its access to various areas of London via Crossrail, the area would become more of an entertainment hub;
- The introduction of a cumulative impact zone created a presumption of refusal for licensing applications;
- Westminster and Camden had included framework hours in their policy and applicants would have to provide evidence to justify an application outside these hours. Westminster had also included 'stress' areas in their policy;
- It was considered that the licensing police officers should communicate more to the Safer Neighbourhood Teams. Many police officers did not know the extent of the powers that they had. The police did not seem to respond consistently to licensing applications;
- It was noted that the police had agreed to speak to the Licensing Committee at a future date and issues of concern could be raised with the Police at this meeting;
- It was noted that a senior police representative now attended the officer panel meeting held for underage sales;
- It was expected that these measures would be introduced by summer 2012.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

The meeting ended at 11:10 am.

**CHAIR**