

London Borough of Islington

Licensing Committee – 26 November 2012

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 26 November 2012 at 6pm.

Present: Councillors: George Allan, Wally Burgess, Joe Caluori and Barry Edwards,

Also Present: Councillor: Paul Convery

Councillor Joe Caluori in the Chair

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)

None.

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A2)

None.

56. MINUTES (Item A3)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on the 17 May 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

57. GAMBLING AND LICENSING POLICY (Item B1)

The Service Manager (Licensing) introduced the draft gambling and licensing policies which were to be submitted to Council in January 2013. The draft gambling policy included a stronger approach to cumulative impact and also included a new section on betting shop hours. The draft licensing policy proposed an extension to the areas of cumulative impact and saturation and it was expected that there was a presumption not to grant a licence in an area of cumulative impact. The draft policy also included framework hours for new and variation applications.

During the discussion, the following issues were considered:-

- The number of premises used for gambling had remained relatively stable over the past few years.
- New premises may require planning consent and this was expected to be obtained prior to application.
- Resources were currently being prioritised for underage, guns and knives sales.
- Gambling premises which did not conform to best practice could be reviewed.
- There were a number of illegal gambling premises in the Borough.
- The introduction of a late night levy and early morning restriction orders would both be considered. The Council were currently in negotiations with the police regarding the allocation of income received from the introduction of a late night levy.
- The early morning restriction orders may be a useful tool in localised areas if not considered Borough wide.
- The need to restrict the number of late night licences in the Borough.
- Noted that the Westminster licensing policy included framework hours and councillors used this successfully for negotiation with applicants.
- The Council was looking to review the use of CCTV in the Borough.
- CCTV in premises was to be included in routine checks made by licensing officers.

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RESOLVED:

- a) That the changes in the consultation to the draft Gambling and Licensing Policies be noted;
- b) That the consultation on the 'no casino' policy be noted;
- c) That the draft gambling and licensing policies be noted;
- d) That a paragraph regarding the need for planning consent to be obtained prior to application be included in the gambling policy.
- e) That it be noted that the gambling and licensing policy be approved by Council on the 24 January 2013.

The meeting ended at 7:05 pm.

CHAIR