

London Borough of Islington

LICENSING REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 13 MAY 2009

Minutes of the additional meeting of the Licensing Regulatory Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD, on 13 May 2009, at 6.00 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Fiona Dunlop, Tracy Ismail and Lisa Spall

Councillor Tracy Ismail in the Chair

064 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)

None.

065 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)

None.

066 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)

None.

067 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2008 (Item A4)

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 1 October 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

068 LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED) – SECTION 28 (1) - BREACH OF STREET TRADING CONDITIONS – CHAPEL MARKET (Item B1)

Ms Leila Suliman, the current licensed pitch trader on pitch 10 in Chapel Market, was present and accompanied by a friend.

The Street Trading Manager reported the background to this case and the reasons for it having been brought to the Committee for consideration.

Councillor Ismail confirmed to Ms Suliman that the matter had been presented to the Committee because of the amount of arrears on Ms Suliman's street trading account.

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Section 28 (1) (e) of the London Local Authorities Act 1990, Ms Suliman's licence be revoked on the basis that she has, for a period of four weeks or more, failed to pay fees or charges due to the Borough Council in connection with her street trading licence.

Reasons for decision

The Committee considered written and oral evidence that Street Trading officers had accommodated Ms Suliman's personal circumstances to enable her to trade from pitch 10, particularly in the last 18 months, when she had suffered ill health; that medical certificates submitted by Ms Suliman had been accepted, resulting in the

decision to waive payment of fees when she had been unable to trade and that she had been offered the opportunity to apply for a casual licence on the days she wished to trade.

However, the Committee had to take into account that pitch 10 was a prime pitch and had been left vacant, causing concern amongst other traders. During these periods when the pitch had been left vacant, there had been a loss of revenue to the Council to the detriment of the Borough's markets. The council had pledged to regenerate the Borough's markets and the regular occurrence of a vacant pitch in Chapel Market was not conducive to this.

Note of the Committee

Members expressed a hope that Street Trading officers would continue to support Ms Suliman and offer her a casual licence in Chapel Market as and when she applied.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

CHAIR