

London Borough of Islington

Licensing Committee - 17 November 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held at Committee Room 4, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 17 November 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Weekes (Chair), Bossman-Quarshie (Vice-Chair),
Convery, Croft, Graham, Jegorovas-Armstrong,
Nargund, Staff, Wayne and Williamson
Also **Councillors:** Woolf
Present:

Councillor Angelo Weekes in the Chair

5 **INTRODUCTIONS (Item 1)**

Councillor Angelo Weekes welcomed everyone to the meeting and members and officers introduced themselves. The Committee noted that Sergeant Fraser was attending from the Islington Licensing Team. He gave a short summary of his role and responsibilities and answered some questions from the Committee. The Committee raised concerns about the difference in public behaviour following Covid lockdown and invited Sergeant Fraser to the next meeting of the Licensing Committee to be held in March for further discussion.

6 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anjna Khurana, Ben Mackmurdie, Matt Nathan, Asima Shaikh and Marian Spall.

7 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

8 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

9 **LICENSING POLICY 2023-2027 (Item B1)**

The Executive Member for Community Safety and the Head of Regulatory Services introduced the draft Licensing Policy 2023-2027.

The following amendments were agreed during discussion of the policy.

- There would be a final spell check before publication;

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- Re: paragraph 73. The addition of the words 'or preventing', the specifying of high strength alcohol and linking the sale of alcohol to a minimum spend on food;
- The inclusion of paragraphs regarding arrangements for shadow licences;
- The inclusion of a paragraph regarding the provision of toilet facilities;
- Licensing policy 22. Amend wording from encourage to expect. Amend paragraph wording regarding deliveries to and from the premises to read the same;
- Strengthen the wording regarding pavement obstructions for wheelchair users.
- Licensing policy 24/25. Amend the wording reflecting the noise taking place from deliveries;
- Policy 26. Add additional wording regarding the use of outside tables and chairs.
- Licensing policy 28. Delete the words 'where possible' to reflect the need to maximise recycling and amend the paragraph to reflection the reduction in use of internal combustion engines.
- It was noted that there would be a joint foreword from the Executive Member for Community Safety and the Chair of Licensing at the beginning of the policy.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the report be noted and recommended to Council with the amendments detailed above;
- (2) To confirm that the policy shall apply to all applications for a premises licence or club certificate submitted after 1 January 2023.

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GAMBLING PREMISES LICENSING POLICY 2023-2026 (Item B2)

The Executive Member for Community Safety and the Head of Regulatory Services introduced the draft Gambling Premises Licensing Policy 2023-2026.

The following amendments were agreed during discussion of the policy.

- There be a final spell check before publication;
- The first paragraph relating to the general approach to applications be reworded in line with the discussion regarding aim to permit.
- The addition of the wording 'societal and economic impacts' be included in Part 3 – Protecting Vulnerable People from Harm.
- It was noted that there would be a joint foreword from the Executive Member for Community Safety and the Chair of Licensing at the beginning of the policy.

RESOLVED:-

- (3) That the report be noted and recommended to Council with the amendments detailed above;

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- (4) To confirm that the policy shall apply to all applications for a premises licence or club certificate submitted after 1 January 2023.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm

CHAIR