

London Borough of Islington

Licensing Committee – 13 February 2014

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 13 February 2014 at 6.30 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** George Allan, Phil Kelly, Gary Poole and Marian Spall,

Councillor Gary Poole in the Chair

66. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)

Apologies were received from Councillor Troy Gallagher, Raphael Andrews, Claudia Webbe and Paul Convery.

67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A2)

None.

68. DISCUSSION ON THE LATE NIGHT LEVY CONSULTATION (Item B1)

Jan Hart gave a presentation on the consultation for the late night levy.

In the discussion the following points were made:-

- The Committee were keen to reinforce membership of best practice schemes for licensees. However, the Committee considered that membership of schemes was evidence of responsible management, that is expected of licensees and therefore members of such schemes should not benefit from a reduction.
- It was proposed that there be a Governance Board which would have a monitoring role and would consider spending options. This would include representatives from the police, the licensing team and the business community.
- It was envisaged that there would be an Annual report to the Licensing Committee.
- Funding would be used for specific issues rather than for items already funded.
- It was noted that the hours for the ASB line would be extended to take calls
- That the late night levy would not be implemented until the beginning of August 2014 at the earliest.
- The late night levy payment would be collected at the same time as the licence fee and the licence would lapse if the levy was unpaid.

RESOLVED that:

- a) The introduction of the late night levy be endorsed.
- b) The proposed hours for the levy of 12 midnight to 6am be supported.
- c) The exemption for New Year's Day be supported.
- d) The reductions for best practice membership schemes was not endorsed.
- e) The list of activities as detailed in the presentation was agreed with support for a Governance Board which had input from the Licensing Committee.
- f) An Annual report on the operation and effect of the late night levy be submitted to the Licensing Committee.

The meeting ended at 7:10 pm.

CHAIR