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Licensing Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Licensing Committee held on Tuesday 25 June 2019 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02C - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Renata Hamvas (Chair)
Councillor Adele Morris
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE
Councillor Margy Newens
Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Kath Whittam

Councillor Ian Wingfield

OFFICER SUPPORT: Debra Allday, senior legal officer
David Franklin, team leader, licensing
Andrew Heron, principal licensing officer
Andrew Weir, constitutional officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Dora Dixon-Fyle, Maria Linforth-Hall, Charlie Smith and Sirajul Islam.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

Those members listed as present were confirmed as the voting members for the

meeting.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Morris advised that she had submitted a representation as a ward member and that she was a board member of Better Bankside but this would not influence her decision.

5. MINUTES FROM THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2019 be approved as a

correct record and signed by the chair with one minor amendment: that Rebecca Millardship was present as the legal officer rather than Debra Allday.

At this point members requested that officers follow up with the Highways Licensing Enforcement Manager to ensure that ward councillors are notified of highways licensing applications in their ward.

6. LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK - LATE NIGHT LEVY CONSULTATION

The principal licensing officer presented the report Members had questions for the principal licensing officer.

There was a lengthy discussion relating to the report and the possible categories

of exemptions in relation to the late night levy.

A representative from Team London Bridge Business Improvement District (BID) addressed the sub-committee regarding their thoughts on the late night levy. Members had questions for the Team London Bridge representative.

Members proposed a series of motions relating to the recommendations in the report. Each of these was seconded and voted on and carried.

Resolved:

That the licensing committee considered the results of the public and statutory consultation conducted on the possible implementation of a late night levy (LNL) within the borough and recommended the following:

a) That council assembly approves a late night levy across the whole Borough

b) That the commencement date should be 1 September 2019

c) That the levy shall apply from 00:01 to 06:00 hours

d) That net monies raised by the levy after the payment of administration shall be used as follows:

- To pay for the full costs of the police night time economy team
- To pay for the Council resources within the night time economy team
- Surplus shall be decided by a board made up of representatives for the Council, Police, licensed trade and residents.

e) That no 30% reductions are to be applied

f) That exemptions to the levy are to be applied to the following categories:

i. A hotel or guest house, lodging house or hostel at which the supply of alcohol between midnight and 6am on any day may only be made to a person:

1) who is staying at the premises, and
2) for consumption on the premises.

ii. A theatre at which the supply of alcohol between midnight and 6am on any day may only be made to a person for consumption on the premises who is:

1) a ticket holder in relation to a relevant production at the premises,

2) concerned in the performance, organisation or management of the relevant production, or

3) invited to the premises as a guest to attend an event to which the public do not have access.

iii. A cinema at which the supply of alcohol between midnight and 6am on any day may only be made to a person for consumption on the premises who is:

1) a ticket holder in relation to the exhibition of a film at the premises, or

2) invited to the premises as a guest to attend an event to which the public do not have access.

iv. A club which is registered as a community amateur sports club by

virtue of section 658 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010(2).

v. A licensed premises which is authorised to be used to supply alcohol for consumption on the premises between midnight and 6am on 1st January in every year (but are not so authorised at those times on any other day in any year).

The committee asked that it be noted that they would have liked to have offered a 30% discount to the BIDs but were not able to do this due to legislation.

7. SOUTHWARK COUNCIL STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY - UPDATE

The licensing team leader gave the committee a brief update on the Southwark Council statement of licensing

policy.

The licensing team leader advised that soft consultation would begin with the responsible authorities shortly and also suggested that members email the licensing team with any initial comments.

It was also noted that the Sex Establishment Policy would also have to be reviewed and updated.

Members had no questions for the licensing team leader.

RESOLVED:

That the update on the Southwark Council statement of licensing policy be noted.

8. APPEALS AND PROSECUTIONS CASES - UPDATE

The senior legal officer updated the committee on current appeals and prosecution cases.

RESOLVED:

That the update on current appeals and prosecution cases be noted.

The meeting ended at 9.50pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: