

Licensing Committee

MINUTES of the Licensing Committee held on Tuesday 20 June 2023 at 6.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02B - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Renata Hamvas (Chair)
Councillor Jane Salmon (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Suzanne Abachor
Councillor Victor Chamberlain
Councillor Sabina Emmanuel
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Sunny Lambe
Councillor Margy Newens
Councillor Andy Simmons
Councillor Charlie Smith
Councillor Kath Whittam
Councillor Ian Wingfield

OFFICER Debra Allday (Senior Solicitor)
SUPPORT: Nick Stabeler (Neighbourhood Nuisance Service Manager)
Andrew Heron (Principal Licensing Officer)
Sergeant Garry Lawrence (Metropolitan Police and Night Time Economy Sergeant)
Gordon Rice (Partnership Data Analyst)
Gerald Gohler (Constitutional Officer)

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received.

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

The chair announced that the meeting would also discuss an informal TENS consultation currently being conducted, as well as possible national standards for licensing training for members.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. MINUTES FROM THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. THE LICENSING ACT 2003 - REVIEW OF CUMULATIVE IMPACT AREAS WITHIN SOUTHWARK

The principal licensing officer presented his report. Members put questions to the licensing officers and the metropolitan police officer.

At 6:08pm, Councillor Suzanne Abachor joined the meeting and confirmed she was a voting member of the committee.

Members then continued discussing the report, and asked further questions of officers.

At 6:18pm, Councillor Sabina Emmanuel joined the meeting and confirmed she was a voting member of the committee.

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ACTION:

Members asked for the following action points for licensing officers to be recorded:

- Information regarding the number of businesses and individuals signed up for licensing consultations to be circulated to the committee.
- A question regarding the definition of a night club to be included in the

next licensing policy review consultation.

- Information on the number of licensed premises in the individual CIA areas to be included in the next report.

Having taken into account the council's public sector equality duty, the committee agreed the resolution below.

RESOLVED:

That the Cumulative Impact Areas (CIAs) are to remain as they are in their current locations.

7. VERBAL UPDATES

The principal licensing officer presented updates on the following topics, and answered queries put by members of the committee around these subjects:

- Late night levy to be extended to late night refreshment premises
- Exempting hospitals from late night refreshment licenses within the council's policy
- Reviews of personal licences
- Government White Paper on reforms to gambling legislation
- Appeals
- The House of Lords Liaison Committee Report.

The committee also discussed an informal consultation around temporary events notices (TENs) currently underway.

ACTION:

Members asked the principal licensing officer to try to retrieve the information he had submitted in this online survey, and to circulate his responses to the committee, if possible.

The meeting then adjourned for a comfort break from 7:21pm to 7:28pm.

The senior solicitor informed the meeting about appeals which were currently going through the courts. Members discussed the information and asked questions of the officer.

Following this, the meeting discussed licensing training for members in Southwark and at a national level.

The meeting ended at 7:57pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: