

Licensing Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Licensing Committee held on Tuesday 28 February 2023 at 6.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G01 - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Renata Hamvas (Chair)
Councillor Suzanne Abachor
Councillor Sabina Emmanuel
Councillor Natasha Ennin
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Sunny Lambe
Councillor Margy Newens
Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Andy Simmons
Councillor Charlie Smith

OFFICER SUPPORT: Debra Allday, senior legal officer
Andrew Heron, licensing team leader
Anju Sidhu, head of regulatory services
Andrew Weir, constitutional officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Graham Neale, Maria Linforth-Hall, Jane Salmon, Ian Wingfield and Kath Whittam.

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

There were none.

5. MINUTES FROM THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

At the meeting it was noted that Councillor Margy Newens may have been in attendance, although she had been marked as having sent apologies. Following the meeting it was confirmed that Councillor Newens had sent apologies and was not present, so therefore no changes to the minutes were required.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

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

The licensing team leader presented their report. Members had questions for the licensing team leader.

There was a discussion and following the discussion the committee agreed to the resolutions below.

- a) That the licensing committee considered the review of the current Cumulative Impact Areas (CIAs) within the Borough using the data analysis provided at Appendix A to the report.
- b) That the Elephant and Castle monitoring area be extended to include Steadman Street.
- c) That the CIAs shall remain as they are in their current geographical state, other than the extension of the Elephant and Castle monitoring area to include Steadman Street.
- d) That the arrangement for the public consultation be agreed.
- e) That the data relating to the CIAs shall be reviewed by the committee annually.

- f) That the committee shall consider the parameters of the data that it wishes to be included going forward in order to monitor the cumulative impact areas and the monitoring areas, at the next committee meeting on 20 June 2023. Officers shall invite the data analysts and consultees to attend this meeting.

7. THE LICENSING ACT 2003 - REMOTE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HEARINGS

The senior legal officer presented the report. Members had questions for the legal officer and the licensing team leader.

There was a discussion and following the discussion the committee agreed to the resolutions below.

RESOLVED:

1. That a combination of remote and in-person licensing sub-committee hearings, as listed as Option D in the report, be agreed.
2. That the proposed protocol, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be agreed.

8. LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HEARINGS - PROCEDURES

The senior legal officer presented the report. Members had questions for the legal officer and the licensing team leader.

There was a discussion and following the discussion the committee agreed to the resolutions below.

RESOLVED:

That the procedures for licensing sub-committee hearings, reducing the time for verbal submissions to maximum of five minutes per party, be agreed.

That the proposed hearings procedure (attached as Appendix A) and the protocol (attached as Appendix B) of the report, be agreed.

ANY OTHER OPEN BUSINESS

At this juncture, the head of regulatory services gave the committee a short update on the late night levy.

The senior legal officer then gave the committee a short update on current licensing appeal cases.

These were noted by the committee.

The meeting ended at 8.11pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: