

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

REPORT OF THE CABINET

06 MAY 2009

To receive the report of the Cabinet at its meeting held on Wednesday **06 May 2009**.

The Members who attended our meeting were: -

Councillor Lutfur Rahman (Chair)	(Leader of the Council)
Councillor Sirajul Islam (Vice-Chair)	(Deputy Leader of the Council)
Councillor Ohid Ahmed	(Lead Member, Regeneration, Localisation and Community Partnerships)
Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed	(Lead Member, Culture and Leisure)
Councillor Anwarra Ali	(Lead Member, Health and Wellbeing)
Councillor Alibor Choudhury	(Lead Member, Employment and Skills)
Councillor Marc Francis	(Lead Member, Housing and Development)
Councillor Clair Hawkins	(Lead Member, Children's Services)
Councillor Joshua Peck	(Lead Member, Resources and Performance)
Councillor Abdal Ullah	(Lead Member, Cleaner, Safer, Greener)

Other Members present: -

Councillor Shahed Ali	
Councillor Abdul Asad	(Chair Overview and Scrutiny Committee)
Councillor Stephanie Eaton	(Leader Liberal Democrat Group and Scrutiny Lead Member: A Health Community)
Councillor Peter Golds	(Leader Conservative Group)
	(Leader of the Respect Group)
Councillor Tim Archer	
Councillor Alexander Heslop	
Councillor Ahmed Hussain	

1. Joint Drinking Control Zone with LB Hackney for Arnold Circus and Shoreditch (CAB 148/089)

We considered a report (attached as Appendix A to this council report) which informed us that: -

- Our endorsement was sought for a proposal that Council authorise the implementation of a further Drinking Control Zone (DCZ), following the statutory public consultation, as a joint initiative with the London Borough of Hackney in the area around Arnold Circus and St Leonard's Church Shoreditch.

- The area had a history of anti-social behaviour associated with street drinking and the proposed DCZ had strong support from the Weavers Safer Neighbourhood Team.
- The establishment of a DCZ was a Council not an Executive (Cabinet) function, but our endorsement of this proposal was being sought, given our wider role in relation to community safety.

A discussion took place which focussed on the following points:-

- Comment that the problem of alcohol and drug taking in the churchyard at St Leonards was recognised. Also relayed that our Councillor O'Flaherty, a Councillor for Weavers Ward considered the introduction of a Drinking Control Zone (DCZ), as proposed in the report before us, would alleviate the anti-social behaviour in the area.
- Concern expressed that it would be wrong to conflate alcohol misuse by street drunks with that street drinking as a result of the night time economy, with one requiring enforcement action and the other a more measured approach.
- Consideration that although DCZ's had proven successful in other areas of the Borough for a period, enforcement by the Metropolitan Police had waned. Consequently the longevity of the proposed DCZ required consideration, together with the securing of a commitment from the police to take enforcement action for the duration of the DCZ. Our Corporate Director Communities, Localities and Culture undertook to take this matter up with our Borough Commander.
- Noted that Table 2 within paragraph 4.11 of the report before us contained a typographical error in relation to the estimated cost of the leaflet campaign for consultation.
- Comment that the DCZ in Bethnal Green near a children's nursery had proven successful.

We endorsed the proposal to undertake statutory consultation for a Drinking Control Zone in accordance with the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (and associated regulations), in Arnold Circus and the surrounding area, as indicated in the plan attached at Appendix A to the report (CAB 148/089) before us.

We agreed that Full Council be recommended to authorise the Director of Communities Localities & Culture to:

- (a) Consider any representations received in relation to the consultation referred to above.
- (b) Approve the making of the proposed Drinking Control Zone for the area indicated on the plans attached as Appendix A to the report (CAB 148/089) before us.
- (c) Consider the inclusion of any additional areas within the Drinking Control Zone, referred to above, identified during the consultation as appropriate for such inclusion.

We therefore recommend Council to: -

Authorise the Director of Communities Localities & Culture to:

- (a) Consider any representations received in relation to the consultation referred to in recommendation 2.1 of the report (CAB 148/089) **(Attached at Appendix A to this Council report).**
- (b) Approve the making of the proposed Drinking Control Zone for the area indicated on the plans attached as Appendix A to the report (CAB 148/089).
- (c) Consider the inclusion of any additional areas within the Drinking Control Zone, referred to in recommendation 2.1 of the report (CAB 148/089), identified during the consultation as appropriate for such inclusion.

**Councillor Lutfur Rahman
Chair of the Cabinet**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 100D (AS AMENDED)
LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS
REPORT

**Brief description
of "background paper"
number of holder**

**Tick if copy
supplied**

**If not supplied,
name and telephone**

Cabinet Agenda – 06/05/09
Minutes Cabinet
Meeting 06/05/09

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