

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

HELD AT 6.35 P.M. ON THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 2023

COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL, WHITECHAPEL

Members Present in Person:

Councillor Ana Miah
Councillor Faroque Ahmed Whitechapel Ward
Councillor Leelu Ahmed
Councillor Suluk Ahmed
Councillor Gulam Kibria
Choudhury
Councillor Abu Chowdhury
Councillor Marc Francis
Councillor Peter Golds Island Gardens
Councillor Iqbal Hossain
Councillor Kabir Hussain
Councillor Shahaveer Shubo
Hussain
Councillor Ahmodul Kabir
Councillor Rebaka Sultana

Officers Present in Person:

Jonathan Melnick – Principal Enforcement Lawyer

Tom Lewis – Team Leader Licensing Officer

David Knight – Democratic Services Officer

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Peter Golds shall be the Vice-Chair for the municipal year 23/24.

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Licensing Committee, Terms of Reference, Membership, and Quorum

This report sets out the Terms of Reference, Membership, and Quorum of the Licensing Committee and the Schedule of Dates for the Municipal Year 2023/2024 for Members' information.

The Licensing Committee is recommended to:

Note its Terms of Reference, Membership, and Quorum as set out in Appendices 1 to this report.

The Committee noted the report.

3.2 Prosecutions and Appeals Report

At its meeting on 4th June 2013, the Licensing Committee requested that regular reports should be prepared for the Licensing Committee giving details of licensing enforcement activity and specifically as to outcomes of prosecutions and appeals.

This report provides details of completed licensing related prosecutions and appeals for Quarter 4 2021/22 (January to March 2022 and Quarters 1 – 3 2022/23 (April to June 2022, July to September 2022 and October to December 2022)

This report is for the information of the Committee and no specific decisions were required. The Committee noted the report.

3.3 Late Night Review Annual Review 22/23

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets ("the Council") adopted the Late Night Levy ("the Levy"), which came into effect on 1st January 2018. From that date, any licence holder (Premises Licence and/or Club Premises Certificate) permitted to sell (or supply in the case of Club Premises Certificates) alcohol between 00:00 hours (midnight) and 06:00 hours (6am) is required to pay the Levy. All income raised by the Levy must fund activities and resources which benefit the late-night economy.

The legislation governing the Levy requires that 70% of the revenue must be paid to the Police and the council may retain 30% of the revenue. However, during the consultation for the decision to adopt the Levy, the Council obtained an agreement with the Deputy Mayor for Police and Crime (MOPAC) that all of the revenue raised by the Levy could be retained by the Council and that the decision of how to spend the revenue would be made through the Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

The Licensing Committee noted the work achieved via the Levy revenue, the income received and the expenditure.

This Committee noted the report to outline the annual report for 2022/23 of income received, expenditure and initiatives funded by the Levy.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The meeting ended at 7.30 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Ana Miah
Licensing Committee