

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

HELD AT 6.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2010

**MEETING ROOM M71, 7TH FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5
CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Councillor Kabir Ahmed (Chair)

Councillor Zara Davis
Councillor Peter Golds
Councillor Amy Whitelock

Officers Present:

Paul Greeno – (Senior Advocate)
Jackie Randall-Peltier – (Acting Licensing Services Manager)
Simmi Yesmin – (Senior Committee Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of;

- Councillor Carlo Gibbs
- Councillor Khales Ahmed
- Councillor Rajib Ahmed
- Councillor Rofique Ahmed
- Councillor Shafiqul Haque
- Councillor David Snowdon

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

That the unrestricted minutes of the Extraordinary Licensing Committee meeting held on 31st August 2010 was agreed as a correct record of proceedings.

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Licensing Act 2003 - Three Year Review

Ms Jackie Randall, Acting Licensing Services Manager, introduced the report which detailed the three year review of the Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003. It was noted that the Licensing Authority must review its licensing policy every three years. Ms Randall explained that there was little change in the current draft policy and highlighted the changes in the 'Minor Variations Process', and in the 'Mandatory Conditions'. Members were advised that there would be a statutory consultation period and then the policy would need to be determined and adopted by full Council.

In response to questions Ms Randall explained that the Sex Establishment Policy would run simultaneously with the Licensing Policy and require the Licensing Policy to be reviewed again within the next 12 months it is adopted, it was noted that the Sex Establishment Policy would be a separate policy that would be referred to in the Licensing Policy. Members asked questions on the saturation policy, healthy eating and the timeline for adoption of the Sex Establishment Policy.

Members asked for some amendments to the Licensing Policy in order for the Policy to be concise and relevant to Tower Hamlets;

- Section 66 'Miners Welfare Institutes' to be deleted
- Section 22 'No Traveller and similar signs' to include 'or a particular class of persons'.

RESOLVED

1. That the key areas for consultation of the three year review of the Licensing Policy be noted.
2. That the process of consultation in reviewing the Council's Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 be noted.

The meeting ended at 6.25 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Kabir Ahmed
Licensing Committee