

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**RECORD OF THE DECISIONS OF THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT 2.00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, 8 JANUARY 2015**

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE  
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

**Members Present:**

Councillor Peter Golds (Chair)

Councillor Khaled Uddin Ahmed  
Councillor Muhammad Ansar Mustaqim

**1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

**2. RULES OF PROCEDURE**

The rules of procedure were noted.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

The minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

**4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**4.1 Application for a New Premises Licence for Bella Cosa, Drewry House, 213 Marsh Wall, London E14 9FJ**

This item was resolved prior to the meeting.

**4.2 Application to Review the Premises Licence for The Westferry Arms, 43 West India Dock Road, London, E14 8EZ**

The Licensing Objectives

In considering the application, Members were required to consider the same in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 (as amended), the Licensing Objectives, the Home Office Guidance and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

### Consideration

Each application must be considered on its own merits and the Chair stated that the Sub Committee had carefully considered all of the evidence before them and had heard representation from all interested parties.

Members reached a decision and the decision was unanimous. Whilst making the decision Members had regard to section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 and paragraph 11 of the statutory guidance relating to reviews. The Chair stated that in light of the evidence before them, Members were surprised that there had been no arrests or legal proceedings against the premise licence holder. It was also noted that the Police had last visited the premises in August 2014.

It was noted that in light of the number of witness statements from officers, residents and ex staff of the Westferry Arms, Members did consider revocation or a suspension of the licence, however, Members were very concerned about the lack of action taken by the Police despite the premises being just meters away from the Limehouse Police Station and also noted the improvements over the last six months. Therefore the Sub Committee decided to impose further conditions on the licence to help promote the licensing objectives.

The Chair stated that it was the Sub Committee's (although they could not bind other Sub-Committees) view that this was a final opportunity for the premise licence holder to put matters right, responsibly manage the premises and abide with conditions of the license.

### Decision

Accordingly, the Sub-Committee unanimously –

### **RESOLVED**

That the application for a Review of the Premises Licence for, The Westferry Arms, 43 West India Dock Road, London E14 8EZ be **GRANTED in part** with conditions imposed on the premise licence.

### Conditions

1. All doors and windows are to be kept shut during regulated entertainment except for access and egress.
2. No more than 7 smokers allowed to smoke outside the premises at any one time.
3. No drinks allowed to be taken outside or consumed outside the premises.

4. Regular sound checks to be carried out every 30 minutes during regulated entertainment. Sound check records to be kept and made available to Officers from Responsible Authorities upon request.
5. A Security Plan and Drugs Policy to be agreed with the Police.
6. An ID Scanner to be installed, operated, checked and maintained. Records to be kept and made available to Officers from Responsible Authorities upon request.

**5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 4.00 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Peter Golds  
Licensing Sub Committee