

# LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 15 March 2018 at 6.30 p.m.

C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

The meeting is open to the public to attend.

#### Members:

Chair: Councillor Rajib Ahmed Vice-Chair: Councillor Peter Golds

Councillor Khales Uddin Ahmed

Councillor Suluk Ahmed Councillor Shah Alam

Councillor Dave Chesterton Councillor Andrew Cregan Councillor Harun Miah Councillor Md. Maium Miah

Councillor Joshua Peck Councillor Candida Ronald Councillor Rachael Saunders

Councillor Shiria Khatun

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**Ward Represented** 

Lansbury; Island Gardens:

Bromley North;

Spitalfields & Banglatown;

Mile End:

Blackwall & Cubitt Town;

Island Gardens:

Shadwell; Canary Wharf; Bow West:

Blackwall & Cubitt Town;

Mile End; Lansbury;

[The quorum for this body is 3 Members]

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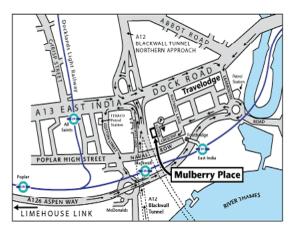
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#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

## 1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (Pages 5 - 8)

To note any declarations of interest made by Members, including those restricting Members from voting on the questions detailed in Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992. See attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

		PAGE NUMBER	WARD(S) AFFECTED
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#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - NOTE FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER**

This note is for guidance only. For further details please consult the Members' Code of Conduct at Part 5.1 of the Council's Constitution.

Please note that the question of whether a Member has an interest in any matter, and whether or not that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, is for that Member to decide. Advice is available from officers as listed below but they cannot make the decision for the Member. If in doubt as to the nature of an interest it is advisable to seek advice **prior** to attending a meeting.

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- not exercise executive functions in relation to that business.

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- Leave the room (including any public viewing area) for the duration of consideration and decision on the item and not seek to influence the debate or decision

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#### **Further advice**

For further advice please contact:-Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer, Tel 020 7364 4800

### **APPENDIX A: Definition of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**

(Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, Reg 2 and Schedule)

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vacation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by the Member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of the Member.  This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority—  (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and  (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where— (a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and (b) either—
	(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
	(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.



#### LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

#### MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

#### HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2017

## THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG

#### **Members Present:**

Councillor Rajib Ahmed (Chair)

Councillor Peter Golds (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Suluk Ahmed Councillor Shah Alam

Councillor Dave Chesterton

Councillor Andrew Cregan

Councillor Joshua Peck

#### **Apologies**

Councillor Khales Uddin Ahmed Councillor Harun Miah Councillor Candida Ronald Councillor Rachael Saunders Councillor Shiria Khatun

#### **Others Present:**

Daniel Holland The Surveillance Group Ltd
Jeremy Ward The Surveillance Group Ltd

Wai Ming Yau Item 3.3

#### **Officers Present:**

Agnes Adrien Team Leader, Enforcement & Litigation,

Legal Services

Charlotte Basten Environmental Health Officer

Damian Doherty Environmental Health Enforcement

Officer

Natalie Thompson Environmental Health Officer

David Tolley Head of Environmental Health and

Trading Standards

Farhana Zia Senior Committee Services Officer

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Racheal Saunders, Councillor Harun Miah, Councillor Candida Ronald, Councillor Shiria Khatun and Councillor Khales Uddin-Ahmed.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Suluk Ahmed who was approximately 10 minutes late for the meeting owing to traffic.

#### 1.1 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

No Declarations of discloseable pecuniary interest were disclosed.

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

The minutes from the previous meetings of

- 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017;
- 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017; and
- 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017

were approved to be accurate records of the meeting.

#### Matters Arising

Councillor Dave Chesterton, Chair of Overview and Scrutiny referred members to page 12 of the agenda pack and the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017. He informed Members further progress had been made in relation to SEV's and that he had provided a written note to the Chair of Licensing Committee as well as officers, to note.

The update is appended at **Appendix 1** of the minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

#### 3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### 3.1 Statement of Licensing Policy Review 2018

David Tolley, Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards presented his report in relation to the Statement of Licensing Policy review 2018.

He informed Members all local authorities had to determine and publish their Statement of Licensing Policy every five years and as such the policy at Tower Hamlets required review and publication by October 2018.

He said the purpose of the policy statement is to define how the responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 are going to be exercised and administered by the Local Authority.

A statutory consultation process will take place and there will be an opportunity for the local community to comment upon the Statement as part of the consultation process before the Statement of Licensing Policy is agreed and adopted by Council.

Members of the Committee made the following comments in relation to the report and asked questions:

- Will members of the public be consulted?
- Could you please ensure changes in the policy are communicated widely to as many people and organisations as possible?

Members of the Licensing Committee **AGREED** to **NOTE** the recommendations contained within the report, namely to

- 1. Note the forward programme for consulting on the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy
- 2. Note that the consultation should be based on the proposed changes detailed in Appendix Two.
- 3. To note the consultation to retain the current Cumulative Impact Zone in the Brick Lane area at Appendices 1 and 3;
- 4. To note the consultation for a Cumulative Impact Zone for Bethnal Green/Cambridge Health Road to Old Bethnal Green Road.

#### 3.2 Night Time Economy Visits and Enforcement Update

Damian Doherty, Licensing Officer presented his report on the Night time economy visits and enforcement action undertaken in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

He informed Members the objective was to carry out late night visits to premises where intelligence had been received of alleged contravention of the Licensing Act.2003. Officers from the Licensing Team as well as Environmental Health and Trading Standards have been involved in the visits which have included test purchases to investigate compliance and enforcement.

Visits have been conducted on Friday and Saturday nights between the hours of 22:00 and 3:00 hours.

Damian referred members to point 3.2 of the report stating the enforcement team had taken a three pronged approach. Warning letters, review of the premises licence and investigation for referral for prosecution were the actions taken. He referred to the outcomes achieved at 3.4 and said the Team had conducted a total of 230 inspections, with 24 premises receiving warning letters, with 6 successful prosecutions and 1 unsuccessful prosecution in 2016/17.

To give context to types of prosecutions undertaken, Damian Doherty referred members to Appendix 3 and the case studies therein.

Members of the Committee made the following comments and asked questions in relation to the report:

- What was the reason for the unsuccessful prosecution?
- Was any compensation paid by the Council in relation to the unsuccessful prosecution?
- Are you confident that you will achieve a similar number of visits for this year?
- Have visits been conducted in Leman Street and Alie Street? Can this be added to you list of visits?
- In reference to appendix 1, why has Spitalfields and Banglatown received the highest number of visits for 2016/17?
- Can the factory used by Deliveroo also be investigated? Gas canisters are a particular concern.

Members of the Committee **NOTED** the report and the recommendation to:

 Note the activity that has been undertaken by the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Service with regards to regulating Late Night Licensed Premises.

Councillor Peck **MOVED** that officers be thanked for carrying out their work, which the Committee members **AGREED**.

## 3.3 Application for a New Special Treatment Licence for Relax Studio, Unit 2, 1 Gunthorpe Street, E1 7RG

At the request of the Chair, Ms Charlotte Basten, Environmental Health Officer introduced the report which detailed the application for a Special Treatment Licence for Relax Studio, Unit 2, 1 Gunthorpe Street, London E1 7RG.

The application was made on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 by Mr Wai Ming Yau Appendix 1 – pages 231- 240 of the agenda. A licence from the Council is required for the use of the premises as an establishment for special treatments and pages 220-221 set out the legal powers the Committee has in granting or refusing a licence.

Planning permission is granted for the premises to operate between 08:00 hours to 20:00 hours and the current application is to permit the premises to operate as an establishment for special treatments offering Massage.

All responsible authorities have been consulted and objections have been received from the Environmental Health Licensing and Safety Team on the grounds that the premises have been or are being improperly conducted.

Ms Basten referred Members to the evidence appended at Appendix 4 and stated the Licensing Authority objected for the following reasons:

- Evidence gained from Test Purchase visits on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017 showed that services of a sexual nature were being offered at the premises in return for money;
- Evidence gained from the visits revealed the premises was open and advertising as an establishment for special treatments with no licence in place after the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017, when the exemption was revoked; and
- Several complaints had been received from a member of the public regarding the premises being open and advertising beyond the permitted hours.

Mr Wai Ming Yau (the applicant) was present for the Committee meeting and was given the opportunity to present his case. Mr Yau stated his business had been operating from the premises within the hours permitted and any late night opening was for the purpose of cleaning the premises. He said the allegation that inappropriate sexual services were offered to customers was totally against the principles of the business, which was overseen by his wife. Mr Yau stated his wife was looking to recruit professional masseurs and had been interviewing several candidates. He said they would only employ those who were qualified to work as masseurs and would verify the credentials of each candidate. He said what the masseurs were offering behind closed doors was something he was unaware of.

Natalie Thompson, Principal Environmental Health Officer countered by stating the licensing authority, prior to Mr Yau's application for a licence, had received several complaints from a resident about the late night openings and as a result they had investigated the premises. Ms Thompson stated they had written to the Landlord as well as Mr Wai Ming Yau stating the times of opening and requested them to comply to the times. She said when they visited the premises on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016, Ms Chak Wa Yiu was working as a therapist and was a member of the Independent Professional Therapists International (IPTi) organisation. However following the Test Purchases – witness statements on pages 273-276 of the agenda, the IPTi revoked the Ms Yiu's membership resulting in the premises requiring a licence for the Local Authority.

Following the revocation, the licensing authority visited again and found Ms Chak Wa Yiu was still working at the premises. In addition to the complaints received from the member of the public, there is further evidence that the premises is used inappropriately offering sexual services, from the membership-only online message board comments on the "Full Body Sensual Massage" website –pages 347-367. The name 'Apple' is mentioned on the website and this was the name given by the receptionist, during a visit that was made after the application was submitted, has her manager.

Members of the Committee asked the following questions:

- Do you have premises in Shepherds Bush Road?
   Yes, I have been operating from that premises for 8 years and I have never had any complaints.
- The evidence presented in the form of photographs. Are these from one member of the public and have these been independently verified? Yes, the photographs are from one individual and they are timestamped.
- According to the evidence, two test purchases have been carried out where sexual services have been offered and reading the online references – another 8, making a total of 10 incidences. Mr Yau, it would appear that the rules have been broken on at least 10 occasions.
  - My wife has interviewed and hired masseurs to help in the shop and sometimes she has to leave the room what they get up to earn extra money I do not know but they would be dismissed.
- Do you have any way to stop this happening?
   No not really
- There is no way to control staff from offering sexual services?
   No

Members of the Committee heard further from Mr Daniel Holland, one of the test purchasers, about his visit to the Relax Studio on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Mr Holland confirmed the content of his witness statement stating that he had had professional massages before however this visit was not geared towards massage. He said both ladies laid on his back and the younger female asked if he wanted a 'happy ending', which he refused. He said that thereafter both females lost interest in finishing the massage and he left the premises.

Members of the Committee continued with their questioning:

- Can you ensure the committee that this will not happen again?
  I cannot guarantee this, other than ask the masseurs to leave the door open but the client may not wish for this. We have notices on the walls stating sexual services are not offered and if they are offered the clients should notify the management.
- How do others, who run massage services, control this type of behaviour in their premises? Have you sought professional advice on how to run your business?
  - No, I have not sought professional advice. It is hard to control behaviour like this, especially if the masseurs do this behind my back, without my knowledge. All I can do is dismiss them. I have another branch in Hammersmith and I have never had any problems of this sort.
- Referring to pages 273 -276, do you understand what a test purchase is?

Yes

 You say you only hire professionally qualified masseurs however pages 347 – 358, are the experiences of people, who have commented on the premises and which have been lifted from a membership only website. Do you understand what these comments are about? They are describing their sexual encounters at your premises.

People hire others to write stuff like this on websites and it is untrue. At the time of the Test Purchases we were interviewing and if anyone did offer sexual services they would not be hired.

At this stage, Members asked the Officers if they had a photograph of the qualified Masseur to be shown to Mr Holland and Mr Wai Ming Yau.

Ms Charlotte Basten, Environmental Health Officer produced the original photograph and Mr Daniel Holland was asked to confirm if this was one of the two ladies he had encountered on the day of his visit.

Mr Holland positively identified the woman and confirmed he had met with this woman on the day of his visit. The lady identified was Ms Chak Wa Yiu.

The photograph was also shown to Mr Wai Ming Yau.

The questioning continued:

- Do you recognise the woman in this photograph?
   Yes that is my wife
- Do masseurs usually lay on top of their clients?
   No. My wife is responsible for the Aldgate branch.
- How many people are working at the shop? We are not open at the moment.

extra pressure the knee can be used.

- Are you aware of the number of complaints received about the premises?
  - No. I have no idea. I know nothing about it. I don't know about the test purchases or the disqualification from IPTi.
- Are you suggesting the witness statements of the test purchasers are made up?
  - No I am not saying this. Masseurs who behave in this way are not hired.
- It is evident the premises has been operating without a licence since October [September]. Has the local authority initiated prosecution proceedings?
  - No, not yet.
- You've said masseurs should not lay body to body. What should happen when a massage is given?
   Usually it is working with the hands to ease out the knot or muscle, for
- The photograph has been identified as your wife. Should masseurs be naked, when they massage?
   No

Mr Wai Ming Yau was given the opportunity to summarise why the licence for Special Treatment should be granted.

Mr Yau stated that the massage service was aimed at office people, who can suffer from stress. A massage ensured a better night's sleep and helped people deal with their stresses. He had run his Shephard's Bush branch for eight years and decided to open another branch in Aldgate. He said the allegations of sexual encounters, if true would lead to the masseurs being fired however he had no control of what happened behind closed doors.

Ms Natalie Thompson stated the evidence showed the premises was being used improperly. They had received complaints from a resident about the late night openings and the Environmental Health Licensing and Safety team had investigated the allegations. Evidence points to the premises offering services of a sexual nature and this was further proven by the test purchases. Therefore the licence should not be granted as the applicant has not been abiding by the rules.

Members adjourned at 19:39 to consider the application before them.

#### **Decision**

Accordingly, the Committee unanimously

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Application for a New Special Treatment Licence, under the London Local Authorities Act 1991 for Relax Studio, Unit 2, 1 Gunthorpe Street, London E1 7RG be **REFUSED** on the basis that:

- The premises were open and advertising as an establishment for special treatments with no licence in place after the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017, when the exemption was revoked;
- ii. That there is strong evidence of sexual services being offered;
- iii. That the premises has been operating outside the hours of the planning permission whilst the premises was exempt from requiring a licence; and
- iv. The applicant claims he is unable to control his staff in his premises.

Therefore the application for a special treatment licence is **REFUSED** on the following grounds of Section 8 of the London Local Authorities Act 1991:

- (c) The persons concerned or intended to be concerned in the conduct or management of the premises used for special treatment could be reasonably regarded as not being fit and proper persons to hold such a licence:
- (e) the premises have been or are being used improperly conducted.

The meeting ended at 7.52 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Rajib Ahmed Licensing Committee



## Agenda Item 3.1

Non-Executive Report of the:

#### **Licensing Committee**

15<sup>th</sup> March 2018



Classification: [Unrestricted]

**Report of:** David Tolley, Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards Directorate of Place

London Local Authorities Act 1991 Application for an increase in the Special Treatment Licence Fee

Originating Officer(s)	David Tolley
Wards affected	All wards

#### **Summary**

This report advises the Members of a review that has taken place with regards to licence fees that can be set locally. The fees under consideration are those for massage and special treatments.

#### Recommendations:

The Licensing Committee is recommended to:

- Agree that the fee for Massage and Special Treatment licences, including Intense Pulse Light laser treatment, be increased by CPI 2.9% raising Massage and Special Treatment Licences from £328.40 to £338.00 and Intense Pulse Light laser treatment licences from £528.40 to £544.00
- 2. Agree that where a business operates a selection of beauty treatments and Intense Pulse Light laser treatment, that only the higher fee is payable.
- 3. Agree that all fees are non- refundable once an application has been submitted, due to the commencement of processing the licence.
- 4. Resolve that these fees will commence on 1April 2018 and will apply to all new and renewed licences applications and all performing animal registrations and variation applications received on or after that date.

#### 1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

1.1 To ensure that the Council fulfils its statutory responsibility, the Licensing Committee is being given the opportunity to consider and comment on increasing the special treatment licence fee in line with inflation to ensure appropriate cost recovery.

#### 2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

2.1 The Committee may determine not to increase the fee and the standard special treatment licence fee of £328.40 or £528.40 for IPL and Laser treatments will be charged

#### 3. **DETAILS OF REPORT**

- 3.1 When considering licence fees, Members must have regard to the requirement that charges must be proportionate and reasonable in the circumstances to the fees or costs payable under the provisions of the scheme. In essence, the fees must not exceed the costs of the procedures and formalities (effectively the costs to administer the process). The costs of paying for enforcement of the unlicensed operators should not be a consideration when setting fees.
- 3.2 The Licensing Committee terms of reference enables the Committee to determine the licence fees for the licences specified above.
  - <u>London Local Authorities Act 1991 Massage and Special Treatment</u> Licences and Pulse Light Laser Treatments
- 3.3 The London Local Authorities Act 1991 required all business that offers any of the following treatments to be licensed by the Local Authority:
  - Massage
  - Manicure
  - Acupuncture
  - Tattooing
  - Cosmetic Piercing
  - Chiropody
  - Light Treatment
  - Electric Treatment
  - Other Treatment of a Like Kind
  - Vapour
  - Sauna or Other Baths (Including Infra-red Sauna cabin)
- 3.4 However, exemptions do apply if any of the following situations are applicable and if the operators of the massage or special treatment are:
  - Supervised by registered medical practitioners
  - Bona fide members of a body of health practitioners

- Appropriately registered dentist practising acupuncture
- Hospital registered Nursing Homes.
- 3.5 The Local Authority is able to set a local fee to enable cost recovery from the process of issuing such licences. Currently there are over 200 licence holders in the Borough.
- 3.6 The CPI of 2.9% has been added to the licence fee as agreed by the Licensing Committee last year. When adding the increase of CPI, the Massage and Special Treatment licence fee increases from £328.40 to £338.00 and the Intense Pulse Light licence increases from £528.40 to £544.00

#### 4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 The annual review of Fees and Charges report was presented to Cabinet on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The report advised on the strategic approach and guiding principles to the review as part of the financial and business planning process.
- 4.2 In general, fees and charges recover some or all of the costs of services from Users. This generates income which reduces the costs of services to Council tax payers and can also be used to achieve other strategic objectives, such as encouraging the use of services. A decision to charge for, or to subsidise services needs to be based on rational considerations, which in the case of the services in this report is to enable cost recovery.
- 4.3 The proposals presented to the Licensing Committee are consistent with those agreed by Cabinet. Unless there is a compelling reason for amending the approved discretionary fees and charges, the recommendation is to increase by a minimum of CPI (2.9% as at August 2017).
- 4.4 The financial impact of the increase in fees have been included in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and reflected in the income budgets for 2018-19 and future years.

#### 5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1 This report is seeking to have the Licensing Committee set fees for special treatment licence applications.
- 5.2 Special treatments licences are granted in accordance with Part II of the London Local Authorities Act 1991 (as amended). Such licences authorise the activities listed in paragraph 3.3 of the report. Section 7(6) of that Act provides that an applicant for the grant, renewal or transfer of a license shall pay such a reasonable fee as determined by the Council.
- 5.3 Pursuant to its terms of reference, it is a function of the Licensing Committee "to determine fees and charges for the issue, approval, consent, license,

- permit or other registration for functions for which the Committee has responsibility", which includes inter alia the above.
- 5.4 As per section 3.5 above fees are set on a costs recovery basis. There is an annual increase to ensure that fees are kept in line with the -costs to the Council.

#### 6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 No adverse impacts have been identified

#### 7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no adverse impacts identified

#### 8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

8.1 There are no adverse impacts identified.

#### 9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Council will be at risk of legal challenge if its decision making process on determining fees is not transparent and evidentially based.

#### 10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 One of the key licensing objectives is to prevent licensed premises from being a source of crime and disorder. This report supports and assists with crime and disorder reduction by controlling those who manage premises open to members of the public and imposing conditions on relevant premises licences.

#### **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

#### **Linked Report**

NONE

#### **Appendices**

NONE

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)
List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report

NONE

#### Officer contact details for documents:

N/A

Non-Executive Report of the:

Licensing Committee

15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

TOWER HAMLETS

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[Unrestricted]

The Tattoo Collective 2018 and the Tattoo Convention 2018

and Trading Standards Directorate of Place

Originating Officer(s)	Natalie Thompson, Principal Environmental Health Officer
Wards affected	St Katharine's & Wapping; and Spitalfields and Banglatown

#### **Summary**

- 1.1 This is a report requesting an increase in the current special treatment licence fee for two annual events. The Tattoo Collective and the Tattoo Convention. The Collective is a 2 day event on at The Old Truman Brewery on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and the Tattoo Convention is a 3 day event which is due to take place at Tobacco Dock in September 2018 (date to be confirmed). The events involve Tattooists from around the world providing tattoos to members of the public over the event days. A special treatment licence is required for the premises for both events. An increase in the licensing fee is requested, to ensure cost recovery of the work involved prior to the event liaise with the organiser to assess their plans and risk assessments and arrangements for infection control leading up to the event.
- 1.2 If the licence is issued a separate enforcement fee will then be charged to recover costs in order to carry out the relevant checks, inspections, and if needed, corrective actions to ensure that the events are safe and the risk associated with blood borne viruses are managed.

#### 2. Recommendations:

The Licensing Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Agree that the application fee for a massage and special treatment licence for 2018 Tattoo Collective event be set at £1647.
- 2.2 Agree that should the licence for the Tattoo Collective be issued, a separate enforcement fee of £602 be charged.

- 2.3 Agree that the application fee for a massage and special treatment licence for the 2018 Tattoo Convention event be set at £2043.
- 2.4 Agree that should the licence for the Tattoo Convention be issued, a separate enforcement fee of £967 be charged.

#### 3 REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 3.1. To ensure that the Council fulfils its statutory responsibility, the Licensing Committee is being given the opportunity to consider and comment on adopting enhanced Massage and Special Treatment Licence fees and enforcement fees to ensure appropriate cost recovery.
- 3.1 Fees are set on a costs recovery basis. There is an annual increase to ensure that fees are kept in line with the on-cost to the Council in processing the applications including recovering the costs of the administration advice and guidance to the Event Organiser.
- 3.2 The large venue capacities mean that there is an increased risk of the spread of infection due to the huge volume of visitors undergoing some sort of skin piercing activity. There is an increased cost to the council compared to issuing a standard special treatment licence as officers will work with the event organisers prior to the event, and attend the event to enforce licence conditions throughout. Therefore if the licences for the events are issued an extra enforcement fee would be charged to recover the costs of this time.
- 3.3 A decision of the Licensing Committee is required to increase the Licence fees in line with our costs to £1647 for the 2 day Tattoo Collective event in March 2018 and a further Enforcement fee of £602 payable if the Licence is granted.
- 3.4 A decision of the Licensing Committee is required to increase the fees in line with our costs and inflation at 2.9% to £2043 for the 3 day Tattoo Convention event in September 2018 and a further enforcement fee of £967 payable if the Licence is granted.
- 3.5 Special Treatment Licence fees for a standard premises offering tattoos are usually £328.40 but due to the nature of the event, a substantial amount of officer time is required compared to the granting of a standard licence.

#### 4 **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

4.1 The Committee may determine not to increase the fee and the standard special treatment licence fee of £328.40 will be charged for the 2 day event in March and the proposed new rate of £338.00 proposed from 1st April 2018 for the 3 day event in September if approved.

#### 5. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 5.1 The Policy Strategy Committee on the 13th October 1992 adopted the provisions of the London Local Authorities Act 1991 relating to Special Treatment premises, section 10(1) allows the Local Authority to make regulations prescribing standard conditions applicable to all classes of its special treatment licences. Appendix 1sets out the calculation used to determine the fees.
- 5..2 The Act enables a system of licensing by borough councils to be applied to establishments used for Special Treatments. Such establishments are defined as premises used, intended to be used or represented as being used, for gain or reward, and for the reception or treatment of persons requiring massage, manicure, acupuncture, tattooing, cosmetic piercing, chiropody, light electric or other Special Treatments of a like kind, or vapour, sauna or other baths, and where the special treatment is not carried out by or under the supervision of a medical practitioner or a bona fide member of a body of health practitioners.
- 5.3 The purpose of the legislation is to allow controls to be applied to such premises through enforceable terms and conditions relating to public order, safety, cleanliness, hygiene and the qualifications of staff. Applications for licences must be made in the manner prescribed by the Council.
- No premises shall be used as an establishment for Special Treatment without holding a Special Treatment Licence, and in accordance with any conditions attached to such a Licence. Further an applicant for the grant, renewal or transfer of a license shall pay such a reasonable fee as determined by the Council.
- 5.5 A special treatment licence application has been made to hold a Tattoo Collective at Truman's Brewery and they are expected to make an application to hold a Tattoo Convention at Tobacco Docks in September.
- 5.6 A Special Treatment Licence will be required to hold the events and which will enable conditions to be set.
- 5.7 The Tattoo Collective event will attract around 150 tattooists from around the UK, who will be offering tattoos to members of the public, mainly by appointment. The venue capacity for the event is approximately 2500 persons at any one time.
- 5.8 The Tattoo Convention event will attract around 300 tattooists from around the world, who will be offering tattoos to members of the public, also mainly by appointment. The capacity of the venue is approximately 3000 persons at any one time.
- 5.9 The organisers have held 1 Tattoo Collective event and 13 London Tattoo Convention events in the past.

5.10 The costs to the council have been estimated in Appendix 1. Extra monitoring is required compared to a normal special treatment licence due to the high-risk nature of the event in controlling blood borne diseases, the control of clinical waste and general public safety at the event.

#### 6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

6.1 The Licence fee and charges are reviewed annually to ensure the Council is able to recover administrative and enforcement costs for annual Tattoo events held within the borough. The current Tattoo licence fee charged for 2017-18 is £328.40 and for 2018-19 this will be £338. The report purposes as in previous years that the fees be increased to reflect the additional associated costs incurred for each of the events set out in the Appendix 1 and summarised in the following table.

Event	Date	Length	Licence	Enforcement	Total
			Fee	Fee	Fee
Tattoo	March 2018	2 days	£1.647	£602	£2,249
Collective					
Tattoo	September 2018	3 days	£2,043	£967	£3,010
Convention					

6.2 The total charge will be credited to the Environmental Health Budget to offset the associated costs identified in the report for each of the proposed events.

#### 7. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 7.1 This report is seeking to have the Licensing Committee set the application fee for a massage and special treatment licence for the Tattoo Convention 2018 and the Tattoo Collective.
- 7.2 Special treatments licences are granted in accordance with Part II of the London Local Authorities Act 1991 (as amended) ("the Act"). Section 6(1) of the Act states that no premises shall be used for special treatment except under and in accordance with a special treatment licence granted by the Council.
- 7.3 Section 7(6) of the Act provides that an applicant for the grant, renewal or transfer of a licence shall pay a reasonable fee as determined by the Council. Pursuant to its terms of reference, it is a function of the Licensing Committee "to determine fees and charges for the issue, approval, consent, license,

permit or other registration for functions for which the Committee has responsibility", which includes inter alia special treatments. The Council has determined standard fees for special treatment licences however these are annual fees for single applicants and therefore the standard fee would not cover the increased costs in the current circumstances

- 7.4 It is not unusual for Council's to consider large global applications by organisers for one-off events throughout the calendar year. Members are reminded that the London Tattoo Convention has been held in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets on several previous occasions and the setting of an exceptional fee for its special treatment licence has been approved for those previous events.
- 7.5 The licence fee charged must be on a cost recovery basis.
- 7.6 The Council is able to fund the cost of administering and enforcing the licensing regime as long as these are clear in the fee structure and the enforcement costs are refundable if the applicant is unsuccessful in his application

#### 8. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 The event may assist with Community Cohesion within the area.

#### 9. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

9.1 There are no adverse impacts identified.

#### 10. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The licence fee proposed covers the council's cost of licence functions in relation to this event. The licensing regime seeks to secure protection for the public and enables Environmental Health to scrutinise and control the event through the imposition of licence conditions. If the recommendation is not agreed then the Council would be effectively subsidising the event as it would not be recovering its costs in respect of these duties.

#### 11. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

11.1 The enforcement of licence conditions should contribute to a well-run and orderly event.

#### 12. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

12.1 There are no efficiency elements to this report.

**Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents** 

#### **Linked Report**

• NONE.

#### **Appendices**

• Appendix 1 - Costings.

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)
List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report
List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

• NONE.

#### Officer contact details for documents:

N/A

#### Appendix 1

## The Tattoo Collective at Old Truman's Brewery and The Tattoo Convention at Tobacco Dock - Massage and Special Treatment Licence Fee

There will be around 150 tattooists operating at the tattoo collective over 2 days. There will be around 300 tattooists operating at the tattoo convention over 3 days. The cost of administration of the licensing process is estimated at:

	Tattoo Collective	Tattoo Convention (including the 2.9% inflation increase)
Cost of Training and consistency	£299	£308
Management and Policy Development	£194	£199
Licensing Committee and Policy	£247	£254
IT Support and development	£193	£199
Officer (s) time	£714.	£1,083
Total	£1,647	£2,043

The cost of enforcement of the events is estimated at:

	Tattoo Collective	Tattoo Convention
Enforcement Fee to be charged if licence is granted	£602	£967

#### **Licence Fees**

Process	Tattoo Collective (2 days)	Tattoo Convention (3 days) (including the 2% inflation rise and incremental drift)
Receipt of application, dealing with the fee	(Admin Officer rate £21.60)  1 hour	(Admin Officer rate £22.22) 1 hour
Application Review Organisers procedural documentation,	(Officer 1 rate £31.95)	(Officer 1 rate £33.51)

Total Admin Officer	2 hours at £21.60ph = <b>£43.20</b>	2 hours at £22.22ph= £44.44
Total Officer 1	21 hours at £31.95ph = £670.95	31 hours at £33.51ph = £1038.81
Administration of licence	1 hour (Admin Officer)	1 hour (Admin Officer)
Inform consultees	1 hour (Officer 1)	1 hour (Officer 1)
Issue Licence	1 hour (Officer 1)	1 hour (Officer 1)
Officer Administration	3 hours (Officer 1)	3 hours (Officer 1)
Consultation – (Emergency Service)	1 hour (Officer 1)	1 hour (Officer 1)
Pre Event planning Meetings / post event debrief	5 hours (Officer 1)	5 hours (Officer 1)
correspondence	10 hours (Officer 1)	20 Hours (Officer 1)

#### **Enforcement Fees**

	Tattoo Collective	Tattoo Convention
Travel and Inspection	Officer 1 rate £31.95) (Officer 2 rate £28.22)	(Officer rate £33.51) Officer 2 rate £29.03)
	Day 1 5 hrs (Officer 1) 5 hrs (Officer 2) Day 2 5 hours (Officer 1) 5 Hours (Officer 2)	Day 1 5 hrs (Officer 1) 5 hrs (Officer 2) Day 2 5 hours (Officer 1) 5 Hours (Officer 2) Day 3 5 hours (Officer 1) 5 Hours (Officer 2)
Total Officer 1	10 Hours at 31.95ph =£319.50	15 hours at £33.51ph= 502.65
Total Officer 2	10 hours at £28.22ph = £282.20	15 hours at £29.03ph= £435.45
Total	£602	£938

Non-Executive Report of the:		
Licensing Committee		
15 March 2018	TOWER HAMLETS	
Report of: Corporate Director - Governance	Classification: Unrestricted	
Update in relation to Prosecutions and Appeals – Quarters 1-3 2017/2018		

Originating Officer(s)	Agnes Adrien- Team Leader- Enforcement & Litigation
Wards affected	All wards

#### Summary

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 This report provides details of completed licensing related prosecutions and appeals for Quarter 1-3 2017/2018 (April to June, July to September and October to December 2017).

#### Recommendations:

The Licensing Committee is recommended to:

1. Consider and comment upon the information provided in the report.

#### 1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

1.1 This report is for the information of the Committee and no specific decisions are required.

#### 2. <u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS</u>

2.1 N/A

#### 3. <u>DETAILS OF REPORT</u>

3.1 The London Borough of Tower Hamlets is a Licensing Authority and amongst its functions it is required to ensure compliance with conditions imposed on

- Premises Licences; take action against unlicensed premises; and act as a respondent on Appeals against decisions of the Licensing Sub-committee in respect of applications that come before it.
- 3.2 Where the Licensing Authority takes enforcement action to ensure compliance with conditions etc. then it does so in accordance with the Council's Enforcement Policy. The Enforcement Policy provides that the Council's approach to enforcement is founded on firm but fair regulation, around the principles of:
  - raising awareness of the law and its requirements
  - proportionality in applying the law and securing compliance
  - > consistency of approach
  - transparency about the actions of the Council and its officers
  - > targeting of enforcement action.
- 3.3 Further, as a Licensing Authority the Council has a duty under section 4 of the Licensing Act 2003 to carry out its Licensing functions with a view to promoting the Licensing Objectives and in carrying out such functions must also have regard to its own statement of licensing policy and the Licensing Guidance issued pursuant to section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

#### **Prosecutions**

3.4 During Quarter 1 to 3, 2017/2018, prosecutions were concluded as follows:

No	Offences	Outcome
1	Mohammed Shilu Chowdhury – T/A Cost Price 41 Brick Lane	1.06.2017 <b>Quarter 1</b>
	S136(1)(b) Licensing Act 2003 Sale of alcohol outside of licensing hours	Fine £250 Costs £150 Victim Surcharge £30.00
2	Mohammed Salah Ahmed – On the Grill, 88 Roman Road	15.06.2017 – <b>Quarter 1</b>
	Breach of Section 136 (1)(a)Licencing Act 2003. Sale of hot food outside of permitted hours.	Fine: £400.00 Victim Surcharge: £40.00 Costs: £450.00
	E2 (London) – On the Grill, 88 Roman Road (same offence as above)	Similar sentence given as above
3	Zafling Chowdhury -Real Taste 212 Mile End Road E1	22.6.2017
	Breach of S57(3) Licensing Act 2003 Failure to display a summary of the	Fine £400 Costs £30.00

	premises licence or a certified copy of the licence.	Victim Surcharge £30.00
	Breaches of S136(1)(a) Licensing Act 2003. CCTV at the property was not working, there was no registered SIA door supervisor present at the premises and the take away boxes used to serve hot meals did not have the logo and/or address of the shop.	
	Mohammed Fakrul Islam	
	Breaches of S136(1)(a) Licensing Act 2003. The sale of hot food outside of licensing hours	Fine £200.00 Costs £550.00 Victim Surcharge £30.00
4	Curry Bazaar 77 Brick Lane	21.07.2017 – Quarter 2
	Breach of Section 136(1)(a) Licencing Act 2003.	Prosecution withdrawn. Insufficient evidence to proceed with the case.
5	Salman Mohammed Daha – Flavas Pizza, 612 Roman Road, E3	10.08.2017 – Quarter 2
		Fine: £440.00
	Breach of Section 136(1) Licencing Act 2003. Sale of hot foot outside of licensing hours	Victim Surcharge: £44.00 Costs: £675.00
6	Abdul Aziz - Halal Fried Chicken at	24.08.2017 – Quarter 2
	127 Whitechapel Road, E1 1DT	Fine: £100.00
	Breach of Section 136(1) Licencing	Victim Surcharge: £30.00
	Act 2003. Sale of hot foot outside of licensing hours	Costs: £600.00
	No prosecutions in Quarter 3	

Appeals
During Quarter 1 and 2 of 2018/2017 four appeals were concluded.

The outcome of the appeals are set out as follows:

No	Case Details	Outcome
1	Late Night Levy – Judicial Review	20.06.2017 – <b>Quarter 1</b>
		Judicial Review settled by consent

		order. Late night levy consultation
		restarted.
2	Flamingos (City Traders London Ltd)  – Judicial Review – Misapplication of SEV Policy	10.07.2017 – <b>Quarter 2</b> Judicial Review settled by consent
	•	order. Each party to bear its own
		costs Claimant's application for
		judicial review allowed.
3	Flomingos (City Tradora Landon Ltd)	10.07.2017 – <b>Quarter 2</b>
3	Flamingos (City Traders London Ltd)  – Appeal against decision of	Na sa
	Licensing Committee refusing	Licensing Appeal settled by Consent
	renewal of SEV License	Order. Appeal allowed. City Traders
		Ltd granted renewal of its sexual
		entertainment licence with additional
		conditions inserted. Person appointed
		as the licence holder to manage the
		premises must have a minimum of 2
		years relevant experience in a
		supervisory or enforcement role
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		within the sexual entertainment
		industry. The local authority must be
		notified within 14 days of any new
		appointments and a CV provided.
		An independent compliance auditor
		must be appointed and at least four
		compliance audits must be carried
		out each year with copies of the audit
		records available for inspection on
		request.
	No Appeals in Quarter 4	100

#### 4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 This report describes the Council's licensing enforcement activity and the outcomes of prosecutions and appeals for Quarter 1, 2 and 3 of 2017/18.
- 4.2 The revenue realised from the imposition of costs by the court is received by the Council in order to offset the costs incurred in bringing and defending prosecutions. However, it should be noted that costs are at the discretion of the court and full costs recovery orders may not always be made.

#### 5. **LEGAL COMMENTS**

5.1 Any legal implications are addressed in the body of the report.

#### 6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 Enforcement action that complies with the five principles expressed in the Council's enforcement policy should help to achieve the objectives of equality and personal responsibility inherent in One Tower Hamlets.
- 6.2 The enforcement policy should enhance Council efforts to align its enforcement action with its overall objectives disclosed in the Community Plan and other key documents such as the local area agreement and the Local Development Framework. For example, one of the key Community Plan themes is A Great Place to Live. Within this theme there are objectives such as reducing graffiti and litter. The enforcement policy makes clear the need to target enforcement action towards such perceived problems. At the same time, the enforcement policy should discourage enforcement action that is inconsistent with the Council's objectives.
- 6.3 The exercise of the Council's various enforcement functions consistent with the enforcement policy and its principles should also help achieve the following key Community Plan themes-
- A Safe and Cohesive Community. This means a safer place where feel safer, get on better together and difference is not seen as a threat but a core strength of the borough.
- A Great Place to Live. This reflects the aspiration that Tower Hamlets will be a place where people live in quality affordable housing, located in clean and safe neighbourhoods served by well-connected and easy to access services and community facilities.
- A Prosperous Community. This encompasses the objective that Tower Hamlets will be a place where everyone, regardless of their background and circumstances, has the aspiration and opportunity to achieve their full potential.
- 6.4 An equality analysis was conducted prior to approval of the revised enforcement policy by Cabinet on 3 October 2012. A further equality analysis was done on 16th September 2011 in relation to touting prosecutions. It is recognised that Enforcement action may lead to indirect discrimination in limited circumstances but prior to taking any proceedings, an assessment as to whether the case meets the two stages in the Code for Crown Prosecutors is undertaken so that there is both a realistic prospect of a conviction and that it is in the public interest to prosecute. Further, proceedings are kept under review once initiated.

#### 7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no specific best value implications arising from this noting report

#### 8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

8.1 The enforcement policy seeks to target the Council's enforcement action in accordance with the Community Plan. The Community Plan contains the Council's sustainable community strategy for promoting or improving the economic, social and environmental well-being of Tower Hamlets and

contributing to the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom. To the extent that the enforcement policy aligns enforcement action with the Community Plan it will tend to promote sustainable action for a greener environment. [

#### 9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Enforcement action carries with it a variety of inherent risks, including the potential for allegations of over- or under-enforcement, discrimination, adverse costs orders and damage to the Council's reputation. It is considered that proper adherence to the Council's policies, the Licensing Objectives, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the section 182 guidance will ensure that risks are properly managed.

#### 10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 One (1) of the four (4) Licensing Objectives is Crime and Disorder and enforcement promotes that Licensing Objective. Enforcement will also play its part in helping to drive down crime and which in turn will reduce fear of crime and ASB levels helping to promote a healthier, happier and more cohesive community. This will have efficiency benefits for adult social care and public health costs by keeping people healthier and more active for longer.

**Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents** 

**Linked Report** 

None

**Appendices** 

None

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)
List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report

None
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