

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY LICENSING COMMITTEE

HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2007

**ROOM C1, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Councillor Carli Harper-Penman (Chair)

Councillor M. Shahid Ali

Councillor Rupert Eckhardt

Councillor Marc Francis

Councillor Alexander Heslop

Other Councillors Present:

Officers Present:

John Cruse

– (Team Leader, Licensing)

Paul Greeno

– (Criminal Litigation and Enforcement Lawyer)

Carriann Scott

– (Principal Environmental Health Officer)

Alan Ingram

– (Democratic Services)

Paul Ward

– (Democratic Services)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors S. Houghton, W. Islam, M.M. Rashid and B. Turner.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June, 2007 be agreed as an accurate record of the proceedings and the Chair be asked to sign them.

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Application to Increase License Fee for the London Tattoo Convention (LC006/708)

Mr P. Greeno, Criminal Litigation and Enforcement Lawyer, indicated that the London Tattoo Convention was held annually at the Truman's Brewery location.

Ms C. Scott, Principal Environmental Health Officer, explained the role of Council Officers who would be attending the event and the reasons for the increased charge made by the Council.

RESOLVED

That the fee of £2,156.00 relating to the recovery of administrative costs for the Special Treatment Licence and monitoring of the London Tattoo Convention, 2007 be approved.

At 6.39 p.m., the Chair **adjourned** the meeting to enable the observance of Iftar. The meeting **reconvened** at 7.10 p.m.

4.2 Licensing Act 2003 - Three Year Review (LC007/708)

The Chair invited questions relating to the report and Officers responded to queries relating to:

- the number of Temporary Events Licences (TENs) over the last 12 months (some 415);
- the effects on residents of entertainments events resulting from the mix of residential and commercial premises in the Borough;
- the specific nature of TENs relating to particular areas of premises.

Mr J. Cruse, Licensing Team Leader, referred to the intention in the Licensing Policy of focusing more on the regulating of striptease in premises. Currently this was addressed only in the category of dance with the removal of clothing for the purposes of the Licensing Act 2003. Consequently, any premises holding a licence for dance could hold striptease activities. Any other activities involving nudity would be subject to legislation regarding sex encounter establishments, for which the Council had a zero tolerance policy. It was intended that there would be a presumption for rebuttal of striptease and any associated advertising in locations close to residential or religious premises, particularly aimed at the protection of children. There would also be included in licensing conditions a standard term prohibiting any semi-nudity unless this was requested by the applicant.

Mr P. Greeno, Criminal Litigation and Enforcement Lawyer, added that, where premises were granted licenses under the Licensing Act 2003, but did

not have relevant planning permissions, it was for Planning staff to take any necessary enforcement action.

Following additional discussions, the Chair thanked Mr Cruse and his team for their work on producing the revised policy and it was:-

RESOLVED

- (1) That the key results of the three year review of the Licensing Policy be noted, together with the process of policy adoption.
- (2) That the recommendations contained in the report with regard to the policy review be agreed.

The meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Carli Harper-Penman
Licensing Committee