

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 3 JUNE 2008

**ROOM M72, 7TH FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Councillor Carli Harper-Penman (Chair)

Councillor Rajib Ahmed
Councillor Fazlul Haque
Councillor Alexander Heslop
Councillor Waiseul Islam
Councillor Azizur Rahman Khan
Councillor Oliur Rahman
Councillor Bill Turner
Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Stephanie Eaton

Officers Present:

John Cruse – (Team Leader, Licensing)
Paul Greeno – (Criminal Litigation and Enforcement Lawyer,
Legal Services, Chief Executive's)

Amanda Thompson – (Team Leader - Democratic Services)

1. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2008/2009

The Committee **RESOLVED** that Councillor Rajib Ahmed be elected Vice-Chair of the Licensing Committee for the 2008/09 municipal year.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rupert Bawden and M. Mamun Rashid.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2007 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**5.1 SCHEDULE OF DATES**

The Committee received a report detailing the schedule of dates for meetings of the Licensing Committee and its Sub-Committees for the Municipal Year 2008/2009 as agreed by full Council at its meeting held on 21 May 2008.

The Chair advised that due to the number of applications being received additional meeting dates for Licensing Sub Committee would almost certainly be required and Members would be given as much notice as possible of any extra dates.

There was also a short discussion on the suitability of meeting times.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the scheduled dates as detailed in Appendix 1 and 2 of report be noted;
- (2) That all meetings of the Licensing Committee and Licensing Sub Committees be held at The Town Hall, Mulberry Place and start at 6.30pm unless otherwise indicated.

5.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

The Committee received a report concerning the operation of the Licensing for the last Municipal Year and the options available for their operation for the new Municipal Year.

The Chair asked for volunteers to be Chairs of the Licensing Sub Committees, and following discussion it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That Licensing Sub Committees be established;
- (2) That Councillors B Turner, R Ahmed, F Haque, A Heslop and the Chair, Councillor C. Harper-Penman be appointed as Chairs of the Licensing Sub Committees allowing for a rotation of duties;
- (3) That all Members of the Licensing Committee serve on the Sub Committees (a Sub Committee consisting of a named Chair and any other two Members);

- (4) That Licensing Sub Committee meetings be convened as required drawing on the dates previously approved by full Council as appropriate;
- (5) That the Terms of Reference attached as Appendix A and the Rules of Procedure attached as Appendix B to the report be adopted.

5.3 GAMBLING ACT 2005

Received a report advising on the need to set fees for certain activities under the Gambling Act 2005 and proposing a schedule to be adopted.

RESOLVED

That the schedule of fees detailed in Appendix 4 of the report be adopted.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

With the agreement of the Chair the Terms of Reference for the Licensing Committee were tabled.

RESOLVED

That the Licensing Committee Terms of Reference be noted.

The meeting ended at 8.07 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Carli Harper-Penman
Licensing Committee