

Licensing Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Licensing Committee held on Monday 3 November 2014 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Renata Hamvas (Chair)
Councillor David Hubber
Councillor Stephanie Cryan
Councillor Tom Flynn
Councillor Sunny Lambe
Councillor Lorraine Lauder MBE
Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall
Councillor Vijay Luthra
Councillor Jane Lyons
Councillor Adele Morris
Councillor Sandra Rhule
Councillor Charlie Smith

OFFICER SUPPORT: Richard Parkins, licensing and environmental protection unit manager
Joanne Devlin, legal officer
Andrew Weir, constitutional officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nick Dolezal and Jon Hartley.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The members present were confirmed as the voting members.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. MINUTES FROM THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:

That the open minutes of the licensing committee meeting held on 12 March 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. MINUTES FROM THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:

That the open minutes of the licensing sub-committee meetings held on 27 February 2014, 17 March 2014, 21 March 2014, 2 April 2014, 8 April 2014, 10 April 2014, 14 April 2014, 25 April 2014, 30 April 2014, 2 May 2014, 6 May 2014, 8 May 2014, 27 May 2014, 29 May 2014, 17 June 2014, 20 June 2014, 30 June 2014, 2 July 2014, 8 July 2014, 14 July 2014, 21 July 2014, 1 August 2014, 8 August 2014, 14 August 2014, 15 August 2014, 19 August 2014, 27 August 2014, 29 August 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

The chair informed the committee of a matter arising from the licensing sub-committee minutes from 8 July 2014 in relation to allowing young babies to watch age restricted films with their mothers at cinemas.

The committee agreed the following:

- That the licensing and environmental protection unit manager shall write to the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) to follow-up regarding guidelines on young babies being allowed to attend cinemas with their parent(s) who are watching films certified for people of 12 or older.
- That the licensing and environmental protection unit manager shall write to the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Home Office for clarification regarding the above point also and to suggest guidance is given to all local authorities on this matter to ensure that all authorities are clear on the guidance.

7. THE LICENSING ACT 2003: PARTNERSHIP ANALYSIS OF ALCOHOL RELATED VIOLENCE SOUTHWARK 2013 & CONSIDERATION OF CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF LICENSED PREMISES

The licensing and environmental protection unit manager presented the report. Members had questions for the officer.

The licensing and environmental protection unit manager undertook to request Accident and Emergency figures in relation to alcohol related admissions in the borough for the committee.

RESOLVED:

1. That the committee agreed that, based on the content of the partnership analysis of alcohol related violence in Southwark for 2013, it was appropriate and necessary to maintain the existing special cumulative impact policies in:
 - a) Borough and Bankside
 - b) Camberwell
 - c) Peckham.
2. That the committee agreed that on the basis of the analysis, it was appropriate and necessary to also continue to monitor the situation in:
 - a) Elephant and Castle
 - b) Old Kent Road
 - c) Walworth Road / East Street.

8. THE LICENSING ACT 2003: REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2015-2020

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RESOLVED:

1. That the committee noted the draft revision of the Southwark statement of licensing policy 2015-2020.
2. That the committee agreed the arrangements for public consultation on the draft revision of the policy document, as set out within the report, including the basis for the public consultation questionnaire.
3. That the sub-committee agreed to incorporate recommended closing times for licensed premises based on premises type and area classification (making clear that this would only apply to premises requesting a new licence and would not apply to existing premises with a licence) into the public consultation.

9. UPDATE ON CURRENT APPEAL CASES

The committee received an update from the legal officer regarding current appeal cases.

Members had questions for the officer.

RESOLVED:

That the update on the current appeal cases be noted.

10. MINUTES FROM THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in categories 1 and 2 of paragraph 10.4 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Southwark Constitution.

The following is a summary of the decisions taken in the closed section of the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the closed sections of the meetings of the licensing sub-committee held on 27 May 2014 and 8 July 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

The meeting ended at 8.36pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: