

MINUTES OF MEETING LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH JANUARY, 2022, 4:00PM – 4:13PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Gina Adamou (Chair), Sheila Peacock (Vice-Chair) and Luke Cawley-Harrison

ALSO ATTENDING:

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred to the filming of meetings and this information was noted.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillor Morris, Councillor Blake, Councillor Rice, Councillor Ross, Councillor Say, Councillor Stone, Councillor Tucker and Councillor Williams. Due to the high coronavirus rates, Committee Members had agreed to provide apologies to ensure this meeting can be convened as safely as possible.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair noted that Councillor Noah Tucker had declared at the 11 January 2022 meeting that his wife was a market trader and could potentially be affected by decision around fees and charges.

5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / PRESENTATIONS / QUESTIONS

There were none.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 21 June 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

The Committee also noted the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committees and the Special Licensing Sub-Committees from June 2021 – to December 2021. The meeting on 11 January 2022 noted the correction required on page 41 for Councillor Cawley-Harrison's name. Members also noted that no councillors had been listed in attendance on page 109 of the minutes and needed to be added.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee and the Special Licensing Sub-Committee be noted.

The meeting also agreed that a further report be brought forward to the Licensing Committee outlining a breakdown of the outcomes at Licensing Sub-Committees and Special Licensing Sub-Committees.

7. REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2022-23 - LICENCES

The Chair noted the comments made at the 11 January 2022 Licensing meeting. The Committee heard that:

- On page 173 of the agenda papers, the figure referring to page £976 referred to the exhibitions fees and related to Alexandra Palace only.
- Page 179 of the agenda papers referring to a weekly cost of £15 in the 'Tables and Chairs' column referred to £15 per square metre.
- With the introduction of the pavement licence, there was not yet a figure available regarding the net impact on the finances in the last two years but this would be collated and circulated to the Committee.
- If the Council made a profit on street trading in one year, the street trading fees would have be reduced the next year. Similarly, if a loss was made in one year, then fees would have to increase accordingly for the next year.
- The vast majority of street traders were food orientated, many of whom were fruit and vegetable sellers and had been able to operate through the coronavirus crisis. The Council was offsetting the fees for the months in which traders were not trading so the Council could balance out the financial costs fairly.
- The government may bring in the pavement licences on a full-time basis. Though the Local Government Association and Pan London Licensing group were not in favour of the proposal, the previous legislation was still active and the borough only had one trader who had opted to use the regulations under the previous legislation as this allowed them to have customers who could smoke in the outside area. However, the majority of businesses were using pavement licences.

In response to questions, the Committee heard that:

- The shop front display charges were charged per square metre. The area usage could be increased or decreased if the applicant so wished.
- A permanent build shop front often had its own shop frontage. If the area was privately owned, then the applicant could make use of it.

- The shop front display was typically seen at grocery stores (such as fruit and vegetable displays). Some premises opted for a pavement licence which was £100 regardless of size.

RESOLVED:

That the Licensing Committee approve the fees for the municipal year of 2022/23.

8. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were none.

CHAIR: Councillor Gina Adamou

Signed by Chair

Date