MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 26 JANUARY 2026, 7:00PM - 7:18PM

PRESENT: Councillors Anna Abela (Chair), Reg Rice, Elin Weston, Adam Small

ATTENDING ONLINE: Councillor Sheila Peacock

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

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

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Nick da Costa, Kaushika Amin, Nicola Bartlett and Makbule Gunes.

Apologies had also been received from Councillor Sheila Peacock who joined online.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was no urgent business.

5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / PRESENTATIONS / QUESTIONS

There were none.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 6 November 2025 be confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

7. REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2026-27 - LICENCES

Ms Daliah Barrett, Licensing Team Leader, introduced the report.

The meeting heard that:

- In relation to fees associated with matchdays at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, they are benchmarked against other football clubs such as Arsenal and Chelsea.

The borough was not a ‘market borough’ and had only a set amount of sites around the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium and off the High Road, Wood Green. The Council benchmarked for the street trading fees each year. The Council still had to make sure that whatever it was charging was covering the full cost and the Council could not be able to make a profit out of it.

- The fees were comparable to other authorities. The Council’s fees were slightly higher than the borough of Islington.
- The fees and charges were calculated by the finance officers who would have the budget on street trading and they sent through to Licensing what it could do in relation to the coming year. A couple of years ago, the Council was able to do a 7% increase because the Council were having to pick up shortfalls on the loss in the budget due to alterations in the tables and chairs licences which caused a shortfall. On this occasion, a 5% increase had been advised to Licensing from the Finance team.
- The 5% increase meant that any costs could be recovered in a broad sense. When the review on street trading would be completed, it would look into costs accrued by the Council. There was an ongoing issue on High Road Wood Green where some vendors who were not supposed to be in the area would not move away. No amount of enforcement would move them and it was costing the Council money to take them to court. Individuals would be fined £200 or a similar punishment. The Council was managing to deal with that within the fees being bought in under street trading.

The Licensing Committee RESOLVED:

1. To approve

i) An increase of 5% on existing discretionary fees for 2026 – 27 as set out in the report.

ii) The introduction of promotional activity fees as set out in section 5.7 of the report.

2. To note Licensing Act and Gambling Act premises fees were already set at statutory maximums and made up a significant proportion of the fees collected.

8. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were none.

CHAIR: Councillor Anna Abela

Signed by Chair ……..

Date ……