



Regulatory Committee

on

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Report Title: Establishment of Licensing Sub-Committees & Planning Sub-Committee

Joint Report of: Head of Local Democracy & Member Services and Head of Legal Services

Forward Plan ref. no. **N/A**

Wards Affected: **All**

Report: **Non-Key Decision**

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To establish two Licensing Sub-Committees to conduct the majority of licensing hearings, and to note the provisions for the appointment of substitutes.
- 1.2 To establish a Planning Sub-Committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the terms of reference of the Regulatory Committee in the Council's Constitution attached as Appendix 1, and confirm the terms of reference of the Licensing Sub-Committees, and Planning Sub-Committee in the Constitution attached as Appendix 3 to this report.
- 2.2 That Members agree the establishment of two Licensing Sub-Committees with the membership set out in Appendix 2 to this report, and the establishment of a Planning Sub-Committee with membership set out in Appendix 2 to the report. (to follow)
- 2.3 That Members note the provisions in the Committee Procedure Rules, Part 4, Section B of the Constitution and the delegations to the Head of Local Democracy and Member Services (Appendix E Section 9 paragraph 1.4 of the Constitution) for the appointment of a substitute Member of a Licensing Sub-Committee from among the Members of the Committee when the permanent Sub-Committee Member is unable to attend for any reason.
- 2.4 To note that the Council Procedure Rules in Part 4 B of the Constitution do not apply to licensing hearings only in those areas where they conflict with the Local Licensing Procedure Rules and the relevant Acts and Regulations which take precedence.
- 2.5 To note and agree the Local Licensing Procedure Rules as attached at Appendix 4.

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3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 Members are recommended to establish two Licensing Sub-Committees, and one Planning Sub-Committee and to confirm the terms of reference for these bodies. In order to ensure that the Licensing Sub-Committees can function, their membership and quorum would be three Members, and would allow for delegated power to appoint substitute Members. The quorum for the Planning Sub-Committee would be two members.
- 3.2 The changes to the former Licensing, and Planning Committees as reflected in this report and appendices are as a result of the review of the governance arrangements which were endorsed as part of the protocols considered at the review group.

4. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable)

N/A

5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 5.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
- (i) the Council's Constitution and (ii) Local Licensing Procedure Rules

6. Regulatory Committee

- 6.1 The full Council appoints the membership of the Regulatory Committee including its Chair and Vice-Chair. By law there must be at least 10 but no more than 15 appointed Members. The Committee can still meet and undertake its business with a quorum of 4 Members.
- 6.2 The Council can determine the terms of reference of the Committee. These are currently set out in Part 3 C of the Council's Constitution and attached as Appendix 1 to this report. Members are invited to note the Committee's terms of reference.

7. Establishing the Licensing Sub-Committees, and Planning Sub-Committee

- 7.1 The Regulatory Committee may establish Sub-Committees to assist with holding hearings. Although the membership for these has been reported to Annual Council, legally it is the Regulatory Committee that fixes the Sub-Committees' membership and confirms their terms of reference.
- 7.2 Last year there were 3 Licensing Sub-Committees to deal with the very large number of contested applications. It is anticipated that the volume of applications will continue for the foreseeable future. It is recommended that 2 Licensing Sub-Committees be appointed and this should be sufficient. The appointed membership of the Sub-Committees is fixed by law at 3 Members. The Council's own Local Licensing Procedure Rules set the quorum for hearings at 3 Members since this promotes better decision-making.
- 7.3 The membership of the 2 Licensing Sub-Committees will be set out in Appendix 2 to this report, which will be circulated once the membership of the full Regulatory Committee is confirmed.
- 7.4 On occasion an appointed Member of a Licensing Sub-Committee cannot take part in the decision on a particular case, for example, due to a conflict of interest or if the premises in question is located in the Member's own Ward. In such cases, and any other case where a Member is unexpectedly absent or seriously late, it will be necessary to appoint a substitute Member often at short notice. Any such substitution will be made in accordance with the provisions of Appendix E, Section 9, Paragraph 1.4(k) and 1.4(l) of the Constitution. Substitute Members would always be trained Members of the main Committee who were able to make themselves available.
- 7.5 Members of the Committee are asked to note the terms of reference of the Licensing Sub-Committees. These are set out in Part 3 C of the Constitution and attached as Appendix 3 to this report. Reports on matters of general concern and decisions on general procedural issues will come to the Committee.
- 7.6 Members of the Committee are also asked to note and agree the Local Licensing Procedure Rules, which were previously adopted by the then Licensing Committee on 24 May 2007.
- 7.7 In respect of planning functions the Regulatory Committee is recommended to establish a Planning Sub-Committee to consider all functions listed in appendix 3 attached and are set out in Part 3 C of the Constitution. The membership of the Planning Sub-Committee will be set out in Appendix 2 to this report, which will be circulated once the membership of the full Regulatory Committee is confirmed.

8 Recommendations

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- 8.2 That Members agree the establishment of two Licensing Sub-Committees with the membership set out in Appendix 2 to this report, and the establishment of a Planning Sub-Committee with membership set out in Appendix 2 to the report. (to follow)
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- 8.4 To note that the Council Procedure Rules in Part 4 B of the Constitution do not apply to licensing hearings only in those areas where they conflict with the Local Licensing Procedure Rules and the relevant Acts and Regulations which take precedence.
- 8.5 To note and agree the Local Licensing Procedure Rules as attached at Appendix 4.

9 Comments of the Chief Financial Officer

- 9.1 The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on the preparation of this report and has no specific comment to make, other than to note that there are no direct financial implications associated with the approval of the recommendations herein.

10. Comments of the Head of Legal Services

- 10.1 The Head of Legal Services has been consulted throughout this process and has noted and approved the content of this report.

11. Use of Appendices / Tables / Photographs.

- 11.1 Appendix 1 to this report is the terms of reference of the Regulatory Committee
- 11.2 Appendix 2 to this report is the proposed membership of the two Licensing Sub-Committees (to follow)
- 11.3 Appendix 3 to this report is the terms of reference of the Licensing Sub-Committees
- 11.4 Appendix 4 to this report is the Local Licensing Procedure Rules.

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~~the system.~~

- ~~(f) To monitor pay trends and receive advice about the Council's senior management pay and retention strategy.~~

~~The Remuneration Committee has a membership of six which shall include:~~

- ~~• The Leader of the Council~~
- ~~• The Leader of the Opposition~~
- ~~• The Chair of General Purposes Committee (Chair)~~
- ~~• The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny~~

~~(The General Purposes Committee is responsible for the establishment, when specifically required, of Appointment/Dismissal Panels for the appointment or dismissal of senior officers subject to the Officer Employment Procedure Rules in Part 4).~~

6. 5. Licensing The Regulatory Committee

The Regulatory Committee has functions either (1) as the statutory Licensing Committee of the Council under the Licensing Act 2003, which also exercises functions under the Gambling Act 2005, or (2) as a non-statutory Committee exercising other non-executive functions relating to Licensing, Town Planning and other regulatory matters generally. At the beginning, and at other appropriate stage(s) in each meeting, the Chair will make a short announcement indicating whether the Committee is operating in its capacity as "statutory Licensing Committee" or as a "non-statutory Committee".

Membership

The Regulatory Committee must have between 10 and 15 Members in order to comply with the legislation as statutory Licensing Committee.

Protocol

There is a Protocol outside this Constitution setting out how the Regulatory Committee is to operate. The Protocol shall be applied in a manner consistent with Committee Procedure Rules in Part 4 and the relevant Licensing Procedure Rules when the Committee is

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conducting a formal hearing. Any issue on procedure at the meeting shall be subject to the ruling of the Chair. The Protocol can be amended by the written agreement of the Leaders of the Political Groups on the Council.

- (1) In its capacity as the statutory The Licensing Committee the Committee has all the functions referred to it by law under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005. These include:
- (a) To be responsible for monitoring the operation of the Acts licensable activities and gambling in the Borough;
 - (b) To establish the Licensing Sub-Committees and to agree the delegation of functions to the Sub-Committees and to officers;
 - (c) To receive reports on these matters in (a) above and on the functions delegated to the Licensing Sub-Committees and to officers. To call for a report on any individual case;
 - ~~(d) To be consulted on the review and determination of the Licensing Policy Statement and the Statement of Gambling Policy including procedures for Council consultation with external stakeholders;~~
 - (d) To determine the procedures to be followed in handling applications, notices, representations and all hearings, subject to the relevant Regulations;
 - (e) Subject to Regulations, to determine the fees payable for applications for premises licences and related matters under the Gambling Act 2005;
 - ~~(f) To exercise the functions of the Licensing Sub-Committees in relation to any premises, site or event where 500 or more persons are to be present;~~
 - ~~(g) To exercise the functions of the Licensing Sub-Committees in any case referred to the Committee by its Chair, or by the Chair of a Licensing Sub-Committee on the grounds of its special significance or difficulty;~~

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~~(h)~~ (f) In a Council Election Year when there is a need to hold a hearing in the period between Election day and the Annual Meeting of the Council, those Members of the Licensing Committee who are re-elected as Councillors shall meet as the Licensing Committee (subject to there being a quorum of 3 Members) in order to exercise any of the functions of the Licensing Sub-Committees, or of the Committee under (f) above, and shall elect a Chair for the meeting.

~~(2) Excluded from the Licensing Committee's terms of reference are:~~

~~(i) The functions statutorily referred to the General Purposes Committee, the Cabinet and the full Council including the formal review and determination of the Licensing Policy Statement and the Statement of Gambling Policy;~~

~~(ii) The functions delegated to the Licensing Sub-Committees, as set out below, except where referred back to the Committee under sub-paragraph 6(1)(g) above.~~

(2) *In its capacity as the non-statutory Committee exercising other non-executive functions the Committee has the following functions:*

(a) *Exercising the functions which are stated not to be the responsibility of The Executive/Cabinet In Regulation 2 and Schedule 1, Paragraph B (Licensing and Registration) of The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended) and in any Statute or subordinate legislation further amending these Regulations. The Committee's functions are to determine all policy issues, procedures and standard terms and conditions relating to the non-executive licensing functions but exclude decisions in individual cases which are delegated to the Licensing Sub-Committees;*

(b) *Formulating, reviewing and approving for consultation the Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 and recommending it, and any revisions to it, to full Council for adoption;*

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- (c) Being consulted informally on the review and determination of the Statement of Gambling Policy, including procedures for Council consultation with external stakeholders, and making recommendations on these matters to the Cabinet;
- (d) Making informal recommendations to the Cabinet and full Council on local development documents, development plan documents, the local development framework, the statement of community involvement and any other planning policy matter;
- (e) Reviewing all Council plans and policies on any licensing, planning or regulatory matters, exercising an overview in relation to common themes and making informal recommendations on these matters to Cabinet and full Council;
- (f) Making informal recommendations to the Cabinet and other bodies on service delivery, grant aid, commissioning and procurement matters when these involve or relate to licensing, planning, conservation or regulatory issues.

7. Audit Committee

~~The purpose of the Audit Committee is:~~

- ~~(i) to provide independent assurance of the adequacy of the risk management framework and the associated control environment,~~
- ~~(ii) independent scrutiny of the Council's financial and non-financial performance to the extent that it affects the Council's exposure to risk and weakens the control environment, and~~
- ~~(iii) to oversee the financial reporting process.~~

~~The Audit Committee has the following non-executive functions arising under section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 and The Accounts and Audit Regulations (S.I. 2003/533) and any amendment or re-enactment of these provisions:—~~

The following rules will apply to all three types of Sub-Committee listed below. The quorum is three including an independent member as Chair, with a casting vote if necessary, and at least one Councillor. So far as practicable, and having regard to relevant Regulations and Guidance, every Sub-Committee will include two Councillors, each from a different party group.

3.1 Assessment Sub-Committees

Between three and five members of the Committee.

To make initial assessments of written allegations to the Committee of failure to comply with the Code of Conduct. The Sub-Committees will follow procedures agreed by the Committee.

3.2 Review Sub-Committees

Between three and five members of the Committee. Not to include any member of the Assessment Sub-Committee for the same allegation.

To review, when requested, any decision of an Assessment Sub-Committee to take no action on an allegation. The Sub-Committees will follow procedures agreed by the Committee.

3.3 Hearing Sub-Committees

Five members of the Committee.

To hear complaints against Councillors and co-opted members made to the Council or referred back from the Standards Board for England. The Sub-Committees will follow procedures agreed by the Committee.

4. Under Licensing- The Regulatory Committee

4.1 Licensing Sub-Committees

Introduction

The Licensing Sub-Committees have functions either (1) as Sub-Committees of the Regulatory Committee in its capacity as the statutory Licensing Committee of the Council under the Licensing

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Act 2003, which also exercises functions under the Gambling Act 2005, or (2) as Sub-Committees of the Regulatory Committee in its capacity as a non-statutory Committee exercising non-executive licensing and regulatory functions. At the beginning, and at other appropriate stage(s) in each meeting, the Chair will make a short announcement indicating whether the Sub-Committee is operating in its capacity as “statutory Licensing Sub-Committee” or as a “non-statutory Sub-Committee”.

Membership

The membership of each Sub-Committee is nominated by the Annual Council but formally appointed by the Regulatory Committee each year. In the event that an appointed Member or Members of a Sub-Committee is unable or unwilling to take part in a hearing for any reason a Special Licensing Sub-Committee may be appointed from among the Members of The Regulatory Committee. When operating in its capacity as “statutory Licensing Sub-Committee” there must be a membership and quorum of 3 present at all times.

(1) General Provisions Relating to the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committees

~~(a) To exercise all the functions listed in these terms of reference in relation to any premises, site or event where less than 500 persons are to be present;~~

~~(b) The Chair of a Licensing Sub-Committee may, before hearing it, refer any case falling within these terms of reference to the Licensing Committee on the grounds of its special significance or difficulty. This power may also be exercised by the Chair of the Licensing Committee;~~

~~(c) (a) Licensing Sub-Committees have the power to make final decisions on behalf of the Council on matters within their terms of reference and there is no right of appeal to the Licensing Regulatory Committee;~~

Functions under both the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005

~~(d) (b) To determine applications for premises licences where relevant representations have been made;~~

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- (e) (c) To determine applications for provisional statements where relevant representations have been made;
- ~~(f) To determine applications for variations of premises licences where relevant representations have been made;~~
- ~~(f)~~ (d) To determine valid applications for review of premises licences;
- ~~(g)~~ (e) To decide on any other matter where it is necessary or desirable for Members to make that decision;

Functions under the Licensing Act 2003 alone

- ~~(h)~~ (f) To determine applications for variations of premises licences where relevant representations have been made except in the case of minor variations;
- ~~(i)~~ (g) To determine applications to vary designated premises supervisors following police objections;
- ~~(j)~~ (h) To determine applications for transfer of premises licences following police objections;
- ~~(k)~~ (i) To consider police objections made to interim authority notices;
- ~~(l)~~ (j) To determine applications for club premises certificates where relevant representations have been made;
- ~~(m)~~ (k) To determine applications to vary club premises certificates where relevant representations have been made except in the case of minor variations;
- ~~(n)~~ (l) To determine valid applications for review of club premises certificates;
- ~~(o)~~ (m) To decide whether to give counter notices following police objections to temporary event notices;
- ~~(p)~~ (n) To determine applications for grants of personal licences following police objections;
- ~~(q)~~ (o) To determine applications for renewals of personal licences

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following police objections;

- ~~(r)~~ (p) To decide on revocation of personal licences where convictions come to light after grant;

Functions under the Gambling Act 2005 alone

- ~~(s)~~ (q) To determine applications for variations of premises licences where relevant representations have been made;

- ~~(t)~~ (r) To determine applications for transfers of premises licences following representations by the Gambling Commission or others;

- ~~(u)~~ (s) To determine applications for the re-instatement of premises licences where relevant representations have been made;

- ~~(v)~~ (t) To decide whether to give counter notices following objections to temporary use notices;

- ~~(w)~~ (u) To determine applications for the grant of club gaming permits and club machine permits where objections have been received;

- ~~(x)~~ (v) To determine proposals to cancel club gaming permits and club machine permits where the holder requests a hearing;

- ~~(y)~~ (w) When the licence holder requests a hearing, to determine officer proposals: (i) to make an order removing the entitlement of an on-premises alcohol licence holder to have one or two gaming machines, or (ii) to cancel or vary a licensed premises gaming machine permit;

- ~~(z)~~ (x) To determine licensed premises gaming machine permit applications for 5 or more machines and all applications for any number of machines where there is cause for concern about the proper management of the premises;

(2) General Provisions Relating to the Non-Statutory Licensing Sub-Committees

- a) The Sub-Committees have all the functions which are stated**

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not to be the responsibility of the Council's Executive/Cabinet in Regulation 2 and paragraph B (Licensing and Registration) of Schedule 1 of The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 S. 1. 2853, as amended, or further amended, in any statute or subordinate legislation. The Sub-Committee's remit includes the licensing of street trading, special treatment premises, sex establishments and dog breeding establishments.

(b) The Sub-Committees make decisions in all individual licensing or registration cases where a hearing is required because of an objection to an application or to a proposed revocation or because of an officer recommendation for refusal.

(c) The Sub-Committees have the power to make final decisions on behalf of the Council in relation to its functions in (b).

(d) Excluded from the Sub-Committees' terms of reference are decisions on all policy issues, procedures and standard terms and conditions which are within the remit of The Regulatory Committee.

4.2 Planning Sub-Committee

(a) The Sub-Committee has all the functions which are set out in (b) and (c) below and which are stated not to be the responsibility of the Executive in Regulation 2 and Schedule 1 of The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended) and in any statute or subordinate legislation further amending those Regulations (references to paragraphs are to those in Schedule 1);

(b) paragraph A - Town Planning (all functions), including determination of applications for planning permission, conservation area consent, listed building consent and advertisements consent, entering into planning agreements and enforcement of planning and listed building controls;

(c) paragraph 1 - Miscellaneous Functions;

(A) the creation, stopping up and diversion of highways, footpaths and bridleways in connection with development control decisions, and

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(B) the preservation of trees:

- (d) The Sub-Committee may enter into highway works agreements under section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 in connection with the determination of a planning application.**

SECTION 4 - ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK

Arising from the Council's role as trustee of Alexandra Palace and Park the following additional bodies shall be established. Membership of the additional bodies is as described in the Appointments of Non Executive Committees, Sub-Committees, as approved by the Annual Meeting. The Terms of Reference of the additional bodies shall be as follows:

1. Alexandra Palace and Park Panel

To consider and take decisions upon urgent matters arising between ordinary meetings of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board. The Panel is composed of four Members, selected with reference to political balance.

2. Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee

Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee 9 Members, 3 non-voting and up to 30 community representatives.

- (a) To give representatives of appropriate local and national organisations the opportunity of full discussion with Members of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board on general matters affecting Alexandra Palace and Park.
- (b) To give Members of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board the opportunity of discussing and explaining to the organisations matters affecting the overall policy and efficient management of Alexandra Palace and Park.
- (c) To promote better understanding between Members of

**HARINGEY COUNCIL – LOCAL LICENSING PROCEDURE RULES FOR
HEARINGS UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 AND THE GAMBLING
ACT 2005**

Interpretation

1. "Acts" means the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005.

"Applicant" means a natural person or other legal entity making any application or initiating any procedure or giving any notice for any form of licence, certificate, consent or determination in accordance with the Acts.

"Application" means any type of application, procedure or notice for any form of licence, certificate, consent or determination for which provision is made under the Acts.

"Chair" means the Chair of the Regulatory Committee or Licensing Sub-Committee determining the relevant application.

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"Committee clerk" means the officer(s) instructed by the Head of Local Democracy and Member Services to attend Licensing Sub-Committee meetings to take the minutes and assist with the proper running of the meetings.

"Council" means the Council of the London Borough of Haringey.

"Gambling hearing" means a hearing by a Sub-Committee to determine an application under the Gambling Act 2005.

"Hearing" means a Gambling hearing or a Licensing Hearing as appropriate to the application.

"Hearings Regulations" means The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005 no. 44) in relation to licensing hearings and The Gambling Act (Proceedings of Licensing Committees and Sub-Committees) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 in relation to gambling hearings.

"Interested party" has the meaning prescribed in the Acts.

"Legal representative" means the officer(s) instructed by the Head of Legal Services to attend Licensing Sub-Committee meetings to advise on matters of law and procedure.

“Licensing hearing” means a hearing by a Sub-Committee to determine an application under the Licensing Act 2003.

“Regulatory Committee” means the Council’s statutory Committee under the Acts.

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“Licensing representative” means the officer(s) instructed by the Assistant Director, Enforcement to administer application procedures and to attend Licensing Sub-Committee meetings to advise on licensing matters and gambling matters.

“Licensing Service” means the Service under the Assistant Director, Enforcement responsible for administering the Council’s functions under the Acts.

“Member” means Haringey Councillor appointed to serve as a Member of the Regulatory Committee or a Licensing Sub-Committee as the context requires.

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“Notice” means any notice made in accordance with the Acts, or Regulations made thereunder, in relation to an application.

“Objector” means each interested party, responsible authority, other natural person or legal entity who/which has made a relevant representations or an objection or given any notice in relation to any application.

“Party/Parties” means the applicant(s) and/or the objector(s) in relation to any particular application.

“Premises” means any premises, land, vessel, vehicle or moveable structure in respect of which an application is made.

“Relevant Representation” means any relevant representation made in accordance with the Acts, or Regulations made thereunder, in relation to an application.

“Responsible authority” has the meaning prescribed in the Acts.

“Sub-Committee” means a Licensing Sub-Committee to which the Regulatory Committee of the Council has delegated powers to determine applications. Unless the context otherwise requires, this shall be interpreted to include the Council’s Regulatory Committee when that Committee is hearing an application within its terms of reference.

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“Ward Councillor” means a Haringey Councillor representing a Ward within which are located any premises that are the subject of an application.

Scope and Application

2. These Rules apply to all applications and hearings made in accordance with the Acts, or Regulations made thereunder. These Rules should be read and interpreted in conjunction the Hearings Regulations and the Acts.
3. Council/Committee Standing Orders do not apply to hearings except the Standing Order on Attendance/Substitute Members.

Pre-Hearing Procedure

4. The Licensing Service will notify the relevant Ward Councillors of each application, notice or relevant representation relating to premises within their Ward within 2 working days of receiving such application, notice or relevant representation. This requirement is in addition to any requirement arising under the Hearings Regulations.
5. The Licensing Service may seek to mediate between the parties to an application with a view to securing: -
 - (a) the withdrawal of any relevant representation or notice, or
 - (b) the agreement of the parties that a hearing is unnecessary.
6. If, in any case, the parties agree that a hearing is unnecessary, the Licensing representative, in consultation with the Chair, shall decide whether the Council consider that a hearing is unnecessary to determine the application and shall give notice of that decision to the parties forthwith.
7. In any case where it has been decided that a hearing is unnecessary, the Sub-Committee shall consider the application at an ordinary meeting. In reaching its decision, the Sub-Committee shall take into account the form of application and accompanying documents, any written relevant representations and notices that have not been withdrawn and any report or other documents that appear to be relevant.

Membership and Quorum for Hearings

8. Where an application relates to premises within a Ward, then a Ward Councillor shall not take part in the decision upon that application as a Member.
9. So far as practicable, hearings will be arranged so that the Sub-Committee determining the application does not include Members representing any Ward in which premises affected by the application are located.
10. The quorum for any hearing of a Sub-Committee shall be three Members and the quorum for any hearing by the Regulatory Committee shall be four Members.

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11. Any Member arriving after the commencement of a hearing, or leaving during the course of a hearing, shall take no part, or no further part, in the conduct of that hearing or the decision on the application in question.

Councillors' Participation in Hearings

12. A Councillor, who is not a Member of the Sub-Committee determining the application in question, may participate in the hearing but only if the Councillor is an objector who has made relevant representations in accordance with the Hearings Regulations and the Acts, or if the Councillor has been asked to attend by a party in order to act as a witness or a representative for that party.
13. A Councillor, who is a Member of the Sub-Committee determining the application in question, will have a prejudicial interest (as well as a personal interest) in that application if the he/she makes a relevant representation by way of objection to it and may well have a prejudicial interest if he/she has otherwise been involved in supporting or opposing the application. Any Member of a Sub-Committee who has a prejudicial interest for these or other reasons must not participate in the decision upon the application and must not be present at the hearing except as provided in Rule 14.
14. Any Member who has a prejudicial interest in an application may attend the hearing but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the application and provided that the public have not been excluded from the hearing or that part of it. The Member must withdraw from the meeting immediately after the matters permitted above are completed and must not seek improperly to influence any decision about the application. A Member who has a prejudicial interest in an application may prefer to be represented at the hearing by an agent or a fellow Ward Councillor who is not a Member of the Sub-Committee and who would not be required to leave the meeting before the decision.
15. A Councillor will have a personal interest in an application if it might reasonably be regarded as affecting that Councillor (or his/her spouse/partner, relatives, friends, employer or business) to a greater extent than other residents in the Ward(s) affected by the application. A Councillor with a personal interest shall not participate in decision-making on the application in question as a Member of the relevant Sub-Committee. This is in order to avoid any possible allegation of bias.
16. Whenever a Councillor, who is not a Member of the Sub-Committee, intends to participate in a hearing in accordance with Rule 12, the Councillor must consider whether he/she has a personal or a prejudicial interest before the hearing. A Councillor with a personal interest, who is not a Member of the Sub-Committee determining the application, may participate in a hearing in accordance with Rule 12 but must disclose such an interest first. A Councillor with a prejudicial interest, who is not a Member of the Sub-Committee determining the application, must not be present at the hearing except as provided in Rule 14. Members must be aware that their Code of Conduct applies to all Councillors at all times in whatever capacity they

attend a hearing.

17. Where a Member of a Sub-Committee has had any form of personal or business involvement with a party to an application, which is to be determined by the Sub-Committee, or with any person connected to a party, then the Member must consider whether such involvement could amount to a personal or a prejudicial interest or whether such an interest could exist for any other reason. If there is any doubt on this matter, the Member must seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer or the legal representative.
18. A Councillor who has participated in a decision by the Council to make any application, or to support or assist an application made by another person, shall not participate in decision-making on the application in question as a Member of the relevant Sub-Committee.

Lobbying of Members and Expressions of Opinion by Members

19. If a Member of a Sub-Committee is approached by a party or a lobbyist for or against an application to be determined by that Sub-Committee, then the Member must: -
 - (a) explain that he/she cannot discuss the matter, and
 - (b) refer the lobbyist to another Councillor who is not a Member of the Sub-Committee or to the Licensing Service who can give further information on the process of dealing with the application, and
 - (c) keep an adequate written record of the approach, and
 - (d) disclose the fact of the approach before the hearing in accordance with Rule 51 (c).
20. If a Member of a Sub-Committee receives any written representation either supporting or opposing an application to be determined by that Sub-Committee, then the Member shall pass the representation to the Licensing Service for appropriate action.
21. A Member of a Sub-Committee must avoid expressing any personal opinion about the merits of an application to be determined by that Sub-Committee and must not take any action that would bring into question the Member's capacity to consider the application objectively.
22. A Member of a Sub-Committee must not accept any gift, favour or free hospitality that could be seen as connected to any application to be determined by that Sub-Committee.
23. Members of Sub-Committees are not to be influenced by party political factors or pressures when determining any application.

Non-Attendance at Hearings

24. Where a party has not notified the Council that he/she does not intend to attend or to be represented at a hearing, and that party fails to attend the hearing then the Sub-Committee may either: -
 - (a) adjourn the hearing to a specified date where it considers this to be necessary in the public interest, or
 - (b) hold the hearing in the party's absence.
25. Normally, a party who fails to attend a hearing in the circumstances described in Rule 24 above, will be allowed one further opportunity to attend the hearing adjourned to a specified date.
26. Where an adjournment is granted, the Licensing representative shall make every reasonable endeavour to contact the party who failed to attend by telephone or in person in order to warn them of the new date for the adjourned hearing and the likelihood that the application will be determined in that party's absence in the event of further failure to attend.

Calling Witnesses

27. Where a party wishes to call a witness to give evidence at a hearing that party must give written notice to the Licensing Service of this intention no later than ten working days before the date of the hearing stating: -
 - (a) the name of the witness, and
 - (b) a brief description of the point or points upon which the witness' evidence may assist the Sub-Committee in making its decision on the application
28. Where a party has given notice under Rule 27, the Licensing Service shall forthwith communicate this notice to the other party/parties, if possible by electronic means or by the most rapid practicable alternative means.
29. Where a party has given notice under Rule 27, the Sub-Committee shall consider at the commencement of the hearing whether it will permit the party to call the witness for the purpose(s) notified. Such permission shall not be refused at a gambling hearing and shall not be unreasonably withheld at a licensing hearing or at any hearing where there has not been full compliance with Rule 27.

Documentary Evidence

30. Where a party wishes to rely upon documentary evidence at a hearing that party must give written notice to the Licensing Service of this intention no later than ten working days before the date of the hearing. This notice shall be accompanied by six copies for the Council and sufficient additional copies of all the relevant documentary evidence for each other party made known to the notifying party. Compliance with this Rule is especially important in relation to