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APPENDIX OF THE MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON THE ALEXANDRA PALACE PREMISES LICENCE REVIEW AT THE JOINT INFORMAL MEETING OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK & PALACE STATUTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2011

MINUTE NO.

SUBJECT/DECISION

APSC21

REVIEW OF THE PREMISES LICENCE FOR ALEXANDRA PALACE

Clerks Note: Councillors Demirci and Reid left the room during the discussion of this item.

The Committee received the verbal presentation on the review of the Alexandra Palace premises licence by Rebecca Kane, Managing Director – Alexandra Palace Trading Company (APTL), including:

- The Managing Director explained that since the change in the licensing law in 2003 anyone had the ability to raise a concern about how a venue was discharging its responsibilities under the licence, by way of requesting a review.
- A review of Alexandra Palace's licence had resulted due to a complaint to LB Haringey's Licensing Department from a local resident. The complaint included: noise, anti-social behaviour of patrons leaving the premises, litter and public nuisance and a lack of stewards at exits during the 28/29th May Swedish House Mafia event.
- The Managing Director explained that she could not commit Alexandra Palace to how it would respond to the complaint as she needed to do this in conjunction with the other statutory authorities in due course, but she wanted to explain, for the benefit of the SAC and CC, how APTL was intending to address each of the issues raised via the complainant:
 - 1. Noise during dispersal: a dispersal plan was created for this event and much attention given to getting people connected back to the night bus service. APTL would review the plan in light of this complaint.
 - 2. Anti-social behaviour: similar to the above. In addition a new cleaning firm has been appointed since this May event to improve the general clean up post events. APTL will review the clean up operation.
 - 3. Flyposting: APTL is reviewing the level of fines imposed for such illegal activity and the methods for enforcement.
 - 4. Criminal damage: APTL offered its full co-operation to the Police in light of the damage reported. The offer of assistance on this occasion was not taken up but still stands. In addition, good working relations exist and are sustained with local Police via monthly statutory meetings when planning for any large event at Alexandra Palace.
 - 5. Levels of stewarding: APTL will review its stewarding levels in light of this concern.
- APTL officers regularly met with the relevant statutory authorities before large events take place.
- The Managing Director reassured the committees that APTL proactively responded to and sought feedback regarding events hosted at the Palace. She referred members to the matters arising at the 31.5.11 meeting when

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the clean up operation was questioned. Since that meeting, she was pleased to announce that a new firm had been employed to improve this important work post event.

• The consultation for the premises application was due to end on Monday 19th September and anyone could make a representation in support or objection providing the reasons were relevant to the 4 licensing objectives: Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance, Protecting Children from Harm.

The Committee agreed that the Statutory Advisory Committee (SAC) should submit a letter of support for the way in which APTL discharged its duties in relation to the premises licence - in response to the review process, including:

- In the past when the Advisory Committee had raised issues concerning noise, public safety and public nuisance with Palace officials they had been dealt with satisfactorily by Alexandra Palace Trading Limited (APTL). APTL officers had pro-actively dealt with matters and had always reported back to both the Statutory Advisory Committee and the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee as a point of courtesy.
- For example, further to the committees' concerns about noise nuisance during the large Swedish House Mafia music event, which took place on 28 and 29 May 2011, the committees were informed that the air vents in the Great Hall had been left open, owing to human error, thereby causing noise to bleed from the venue. The committees were subsequently informed that procedures had been changed to ensure this could not happen again. The fact that on the first night, with the vents shut, there had been no issues, demonstrated that the building was capable of containing such noise.
- The Managing Director (APTL) had revisited previous complaints at subsequent meetings and explained to the committees how issues such as flyposting, litter and egress after large events were being reviewed.
- It should be placed on record that the Advisory Committee wholly supported how Alexandra Palace was discharging its duties under the licence and was satisfied with the manner in which APTL was seeking to deal with the 5 issues raised by the complaint.

AGREED that the Statutory Advisory Committee be asked to submit written representation to LB Haringey's Licensing Committee in support of the licence incorporating the comments above.

Clerks Note: Councillors Demirci and Reid re-joined the meeting.