

LICENSING COMMITTEE

3 October 2016 at 10.00 am

MEMBERS: Councillor Mary Burstow (Chair), Councillor Jean Crossby (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Marlene Heron, David Bartolucci, Samantha Bourne, Margaret Court, Richard Marston, Nighat Piracha, Paul Wingfield and Graham Whitham

ABSENT: Councillors Nali Patel, Miguel Javelot, Tony Shields and Moira Butt

1. ORDER OF ITEMS

The Chair wished to discuss some urgent business, as such she brought this item to the top of the agenda following declarations of interest. Items were discussed at the meeting in the order that follows.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Richard Marston, Mary Burstow, Nighat Piracha, Samantha Bourne, Graham Whitham, and Jean Crossby declared interests for the item taken under urgent business, as they were involved in the organisation of community events.

3. ANY URGENT BUSINESS,

The committee discussed the matter of licensing fees for markets, in particular the seasonal winter markets. Councillors were concerned that some of the traditional market organisers at community events could not pay the street trading fees, in particular those from the charity sector. David Kingstone, Licensing and Environmental Compliance Team Leader, informed the committee that as a result of recent case law and legislation it was not possible to advantage any one group over another when setting the fees. Nick Cloke confirmed that the current agreed fees were £37 for a single day of trading (per trader), and £1350 for a market of over 41 stalls.

Councillors expressed concerns about events such as the Cheam Charters Fair, which they believed may cease in the face of high fees. Councillors discussed the matter of Local Committees ability to assist community groups with costs via the use of neighbourhood grants. David Kingstone informed the committee that all applicants must be treated equally, however a review of the fees, including possibility of categorising fees was being undertaken.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2016 were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

6. INTRODUCING THE REVIEW OF THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT POLICY

David Kingstone presented a report to recommend the introduction of a review of Sutton's Cumulative Impact Policy. Councillor Mary Burstow reminded the committee of the Public

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Health agenda to discourage binge drinking. Councillor Jean Crossby proposed that the details of the review could be better discussed as part of a working group [post-meeting note: a meeting open to all Councillors will be arranged with Officers in order to outline the desired outcomes of the review]

Councillor Samantha Bourne was concerned that the Police had not been involved in recent licensing matters and wished for them to attend to advise on the policy review. Councillors raised the matter of enforcement by the Police where the current Cumulative Impact Policy resulted in granted licenses subject to a lot of conditions. David Kingstone confirmed that the review would allow Councillors to be more specific about certain aspects of concern. Councillors discussed the desire for more up-market licensed establishments such as craft wine shops and micro-brewery bars, and to avoid exhaustive availability of low-cost alcohol sold for consumption off the premises. This was in line with other policy areas, and the Sutton Town Centre Masterplan. Councillors agreed that it would be beneficial to work with the Planning Committee, as conditions implemented on planning applications would cover concerns linked to licensing.

RESOLVED that the Licensing Committee:

1. Agreed to the review of the current special policy on cumulative impact; and
2. Agreed to form a group for a detailed discussion on the scope of the review.

7. ADOPTING MODEL CONDITIONS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE LICENSED PREMISES

Nick Cloke, Licensing Lead Officer, presented a report which sought for the committee to agree to adopt model licence conditions for cat boarding establishments, dog boarding establishments, dog breeding establishments, and pet vending licensing.

Councillors asked questions about the current licenses held in Sutton, and whether the models would affect private individuals looking after others pets from home. David Kingstone confirmed that these would fall under “home-boarding” and that the models in the report appendices referred to the bigger animal boarding establishments (30-40 animals) however that there is likely to be a model for home-boarding in the future.

RESOLVED that the Licensing Committee agree:

1. To adopt the model licence conditions for cat boarding establishments and agree that licence conditions should be drawn from them as appropriate when granting licences;
2. To adopt the model licence conditions for dog boarding establishments and agree that licence conditions should be drawn from them as appropriate when granting licences
3. To adopt the model licence conditions for dog breeding establishments and agree that licence conditions should be drawn from them as appropriate when granting licences
4. To adopt the model licence conditions for pet vending licences and agree that licence conditions should be drawn from them as appropriate when granting licences

The meeting ended at 11.38am

Chair:

Date:

