

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**24 September 2018 at 10.00 am**

**MEMBERS:** Councillor Muhammad Sadiq (Chair), Councillor Jean Crossby (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Eric Allen, Martina Allen, David Bartolucci, Moira Butt, Tom Drummond, Catherine Gray, Jillian Green, Marlene Heron, Annie Moral, Jake Short and Chris Williams

**ABSENT** Councillor(s) Tim Crowley and Vincent Galligan

**8. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair welcomed attendees of the meeting.

**9. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Tim Crowley and Vincent Galligan

**10. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2018 were approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

**11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**12. LICENSING POLICY REVIEW**

Nick Cloke, Licensing Lead Officer presented the report.

Members of the committee asked for confirmation about how the locations of the two areas in the proposed Cumulative Impact Assessment, Sutton High Street and North Cheam, were decided and how the timing of 21.30 hours has been developed. The officer responded that the areas were developed using data provided by the Police, the Safer Sutton Partnership, Community Safety Team and other responsible bodies.

Officers confirmed that Cumulative Impact Assessment areas can be implemented to start at different times on different days of the week, however the areas must be supported by evidence. In discussion members noted that a Cumulative Impact Assessment once in place raises the threshold for applications for premise licenses in that area - it is suggested that this can be off-putting for smaller independent applicants. In addition a Cumulative Impact Assessment area would not affect the premises which already hold licences in the area, this can be seen as a 'protection' from newcomers to the area.

A Member requested that if it is agreed by this Committee that the process for consultation of draft licensing policy is started a specific question be included in the consultation regarding the 21.30 hours timing within the Cumulative Impact Assessment areas policy.

Officers advised that amendments to the policy can be considered using evidence from a consultation. Any policy developed can be amended after initial publication if evidence suggests this is necessary.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the draft Statement of Licensing Policy is approved and the process of consultation on this policy and the Cumulative Impact Assessment Report is agreed.

**13. REVIEW OF THE GAMBLING POLICY**

Nick Cloke, Licensing Lead Officer presented the report. There were no further questions from members of the Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Statement of Licensing Policy under the Gambling Act 2005 is agreed, subject to any amendments as may be determined at the meeting, and recommend the Policy for approval by Council.

**14. ANIMAL WELFARE - CHANGES TO LICENSING LEGISLATION**

David Kingstone, Team Leader Licensing & Environmental Compliance, presented the report.

Members of the committee discussed that the fees charged for licenses are set by the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee. There are a range of activities included in the new legislation which were previously not covered and did not require licences. Officers explained that the length of a licences would be covered by a risk assessment but could last up to three years.

The legislation will come into force on 1 October 2018, guidance and details about this legislation will be on the LBS website and the DEFRA website. In addition all existing licence holders will be written to informing them of the changes.

Members requested that the Nick Cloke, Licensing Lead Officer, attend all Local Committees in early 2019 to provide information about the legislation to residents and ward Councillors.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the implementation, with effect from 1st October 2018, of the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) Regulations 2018 are noted.
2. That an Animal Activity Licensing Policy be developed and brought to Committee in December.

That applications being considered for refusal, and licences being considered for revocation, are brought before Committee (or a sub-committee thereof) for determination.

**15. ANY URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

The meeting ended at 12.05 pm

Chair: .....

Date: .....