

**LICENSING COMMITTEE****18 June 2018 at 10.00 am**

**MEMBERS:** Councillor Muhammad Sadiq (Chair), and Councillors Martina Allen, David Bartolucci, Moira Butt, Vincent Galligan, Catherine Gray, Jillian Green, Marlene Heron, Annie Moral, Jake Short and Chris Williams

**ABSENT** Councillor(s) Jean Crossby, Eric Allen, Tim Crowley and Tom Drummond

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Nick Cloke, Lead Licensing Officer and David Kingstone, Licensing and Environmental Compliance Team Leader provided an overview the of the Licensing Committee.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Eric Allen, Tom Drummond, Jean Crossby and Tim Crowley, no substitutes were declared

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2018 were approved as a correct record, and signed by Councillor Heron who had been in attendance.

**4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. LICENSING POLICY REVIEW**

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

In response to member questions, the Licensing and Environmental Compliance Team Leader clarified that all known residents' associations would be written to informing them of the consultation period and how they might respond to the Statement of Licensing Policy consultation.

Members expressed their concerns regarding the timing of the consultation period, stating that the consultation period currently planned would fall during the summer holiday period and that the time before the draft goes out to consultation is too short for Councillors to comment on the draft statement.

Councillors agreed that delaying the start of the consultation would allow members more time to provide comments to the draft policy in advance of the consultation period.

Members discussed the location and extent of the current Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ), and noted the impact of the CIZ in attracting business to the Sutton borough. Councillors agreed that concerns linked to the CIZs were often related to outlets which provide single units or super strength items for off site sales and not all venues within the CIZ.

Councillors asked if it would possible to include restrictions to a CIZ. In response, Nick Cloke, Lead Licensing officer, confirmed that a CIZ can be set with restrictions which could include: limiting to particular times of day, applied to only on site or only off site sales. Each CIZ within the borough can have its own restrictions and changes could be made to the geographical area of current CIZs, where evidence supports this.

An amendment to the recommendations was motioned by Councillor Sadiq and seconded by Councillor Butt that “ The draft Statement of Licensing Policy be presented to the September meeting of the Licensing Committee, at this time the Committee be requested to agree the process and timescale for reviewing the Statement of Licensing Policy”

Councillor Galligan left the meeting prior to the vote.

**RESOLVED:** that the draft Statement of Licensing Policy be presented to the September meeting of the Licensing Committee, at this time the Committee be requested to agree the process and timescale for reviewing the Statement of Licensing Policy”

## 6. GAMBLING POLICY REVIEW

The report was presented by Nick Cloke, Lead Licensing Officer.

Councillors asked for clarification about the inclusion of gaming machine stakes and prizes within the draft Statement of Licensing Policy and Principles under the Gambling act 2005.

The Lead Licensing officer responded that gaming machines stakes and prizes are contained within Regulations made under the primary Licensing Legislation and therefore are not included in the Statement of Licensing Policy and Principles under the Gambling Act 2005. The details of stakes and prizes for categories of gaming machines can be found on the Councils website

**RESOLVED:** that the draft Statement of Licensing Policy and Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 be released for consultation in accordance with the process set out at paragraphs 5.4 - 5.8 of the report.

**7. ANY URGENT BUSINESS,**

There was no urgent business.

The meeting ended at 12.20pm

Chair: .....

Date: .....

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