

MINUTES OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY BOARD

Wednesday, 19 October 2016
(7:00 - 7:26 pm)

Present: Cllr Josephine Channer (Chair), Cllr Faruk Choudhury (Deputy Chair), Cllr Syed Ahammad, Cllr Kashif Haroon, Cllr Chris Hughes and Cllr Hardial Singh Rai

Also Present: Cllr Bill Turner

Apologies: Cllr Laila M. Butt, Cllr Peter Chand and Cllr Adegboyega Oluwole

8. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

9. Minutes (20 July 2016)

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2016 were confirmed as correct.

10. Sub-Committee Minutes (9 May 2016 and 17 August 2016)

The minutes of the Sub Committee meetings held on 9 May 2016 and 17 August 2016 were confirmed as correct.

11. Licensing Act 2003 - Draft Revised London Borough of Barking & Dagenham Statement of Licensing Policy 2017-2022 - Public Consultation

The Service Manager, Public Protection presented a report to the Board on the draft revised London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Statement of Licensing Policy 2017 – 2022.

The Statement of Licensing Policy dealt with the licensing of alcohol, regulated entertainment and late night refreshment. The existing policy was being updated to bring it into line with current law, regulations, guidance and best practice. The Authority's licensing policy, first produced in 2004, had been reviewed at intervals since and was now due for full revision.

The Licensing Act 2003 required the Council to publish a statement of licensing policy that set out how it intended to approach its licensing responsibilities. Each revision of the policy was required to be the subject of public consultation.

The Board were advised that the primary intention of the draft revision of the statement of policy was to update the existing policy and ensure that it was consistent with the content of the Act, associated secondary regulations, relevant Guidance produced for local licensing authorities by the Home Office and current best practice.

The draft revision included several revisions, most notably:

- Removing references to the London 2012 Olympics;
- Explaining the differences between the roles of Licensing and Planning within the Local Authority;
- Extended information on the four licensing objectives; and
- Inclusion of a model pool of conditions.

The Board noted that the public consultation on the draft policy had commenced on Monday 3 October 2016 and would end on Friday 25 November 2016. All licensed premises in the Borough had received notification of the consultation.

In considering the draft policy, the Board questioned as to whether the Council had in place a local policy on saturation. The Senior Licensing Officer advised that there was currently no evidence base for a local saturation policy however the Council would review the situation of the position changed.

In response to questions received by the Board, the Senior Licensing Officer confirmed that Personal Licences no longer required renewal.

The Board noted the report.

12. Applications and Appeals Received

The Service Manager, Public Protection presented a report to the Board on the applications and appeals received since the last meeting.

Since the last meeting of the Board in July 2016, there had been seven applications made to the Council:

- Five new premises applications;
- Four transfer/change of Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) applications; and
- One minor variation application.

Of the seven applications made, no objections were received and therefore the applications have not been reported to the Licensing Sub-Committee for determination.

The Board noted the report.

13. Work Programme

The Board received and noted the work programme.