



Licensing Committee

Date: THURSDAY, 13 JUNE 2024

Time: 1.45 pm

Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM - 2ND FLOOR WEST WING, GUILDHALL

Members:

Brendan Barns	Graham Packham
Deputy Peter Dunphy	Jason Pritchard
Mary Durcan	David Sales
Sophie Anne Fernandes	Ceri Wilkins
Anthony David Fitzpatrick	Luis Felipe Tilleria
Deputy John Fletcher	James Tumbridge
Deputy Marianne Fredericks	Vacancy
Michael Hudson	

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Ian Thomas CBE
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

3. **ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

To receive the Order of the Court of Common Council dated 25th April 2024, appointing the Committee and setting its Terms of Reference.

For Information
(Pages 5 - 6)

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 29.

For Decision

5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMEN**

To elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 30.

For Decision

6. **APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND REFERENCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

To appoint four Members, in addition to the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Past Grand Committee Chairmen, to chair Licensing (Hearing) Sub Committee meetings for the ensuing year.

For Decision

7. **PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 23 April 2024.

For Decision
(Pages 7 - 10)

8. **WARDMOTE RESOLUTION**

To consider the following Resolution from the Ward of Portsoken – 20 March 2024

“We welcome the consideration given by the City of London Corporation’s Licensing Committee and Port Health and Environmental Services Committee to the issue of anti-social behaviour in Portsoken associated with the night-time economy, and further encourage the relevant Committee to consider the installation of pop-up public conveniences at night-time economy hotspots in the City to address the common issue of street urination”.

For Decision

9. **APPEALS AGAINST LICENSING (HEARING) SUB COMMITTEE DECISIONS**

The Comptroller and City Solicitor to be heard.

For Information

10. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

12. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION - That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

13. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2024.

For Decision
(Pages 11 - 14)

14. **NON PUBLIC QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

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Agenda Item 3

MAINELLI, Mayor	RESOLVED: That the Court of Common Council holden in the Guildhall of the City of London on Thursday 25 th April 2024, doth hereby appoint the following Committee until the first meeting of the Court in April, 2025
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LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. **Constitution**

A Non-Ward Committee consisting of 15 Members elected by the Court of Common Council, at least one of whom shall have fewer than five years' service on the Court at the time of their appointment.

2. **Quorum**

The quorum consists of any five Members.

3. **Membership 2024/25**

- 14 (4) Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy
 - 8 (4) Mary Durcan
 - 4 (4) Jason Paul Pritchard
 - 3 (3) Ceri Edith Wilkins, *for three years*
 - 3 (3) James St John Davis
 - 3 (3) Brendan Barns
 - 12 (3) Graham David Packham
 - 3 (2) David James Sales, *for three years*
 - 14 (2) Sophie Anne Fernandes
 - 11 (2) Michael Hudson
 - 6 (2) John William Fletcher, Deputy
 - 14 (2) James Richard Tumbridge
 - 3 (1) Anthony Fitzpatrick
 - 16 (1) Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, Deputy
- Vacancy*

4. **Terms of Reference**

To be responsible for:-

- (a) the City of London Corporation's licensing functions under the following legislation:-
 - (i) Licensing Act 2003:-
 - (ii) Gambling Act 2005:-
 - (iii) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009:-
 - (a) the licensing of sexual entertainment venues
 - (b) action to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in designated public places as detailed in sections 12-16 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 and the Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2001
 - (c) the implementation of those sections of any Acts of Parliament and/or European Legislation which direct that the local authority take action in respect of those duties listed at (a) above, including the functions contained in Sections 2(1) and 2(2) of the Hypnotism Act 1952
 - (d) determining which of its functions and responsibilities may be delegated to enable the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection to act on its behalf.
- (b) The appointment of the Executive Director Environment (acting jointly with the Planning & Transportation Committee, Port Health and Environmental Services Committee, and the Natural Environment Board);
- (c) Making recommendations to the Court of Common Council regarding:-
 - (i) the City Corporation's Statement of Licensing Policy; and
 - (ii) The Statement of Licensing Principles in respect of the Gambling Act 2005.
- (d) charity collections, under the Police, Factories and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1916 (or any subsequent re-enactment).

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LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 23 April 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held at Committee Room - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Tuesday, 23 April 2024 at 1.45 pm

Present

James Tumbridge (Chairman)
Deputy John Fletcher (Deputy Chairman)
Brendan Barns
Deputy Peter Dunphy
Mary Durcan
Sophie Anne Fernandes
Deputy Marianne Fredericks
Deputy Shравan Joshi
Graham Packham
Ceri Wilkins

Officers:

Andrew Buckingham	- Town Clerk's Department
Caroline Hay	- City of London Police
Aggie Minas	- Environment Department
Sadhari Perera	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Raquel Pinto	- Town Clerk's Department
Jenny Pitcairn	- Chamberlain's Department
Gavin Steadman	- Environment Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Anthony Fitzpatrick, Michael Hudson, David Sales, and Jason Pritchard.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

3. PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 8 February 2024, be approved as correct record, subject to the amendment of typographical errors which were sent in advance of the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF LICENSING (HEARING) SUB-COMMITTEES

The Committee received the minutes from the Licensing (Hearing) Sub-Committee in respect of the premises Easy Shop & Go, 148 Fleet Street, London, EC4A 2BU, on the 24 January 2024, and of the premises Townhouse, 10-11 Great New St, EC4A 3BN, on the 01 March 2024.

RECEIVED.

5. APPEALS AGAINST LICENSING (HEARING) SUB COMMITTEE DECISIONS

The Comptroller & City Solicitor advised the Committee that there had been no appeals against Licensing (Hearing) Sub-Committee decisions.

RECEIVED

6. DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT PERTAINING TO PREMISES LICENCES

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director (Interim) Environment, on the Delegated decisions of the Executive Director Environment pertaining to premises licences.

A Member highlighted that The Tipperary was noted in the report as being in Farringdon Without Ward, but in fact it was in Castle Baynard.

The Member also asked that, in the table which contained a number of complaints, that the date as well as the time the complaints be logged and for this to be included in the report in future, so the Committee could have sight of this. Officers would look to include this in the report going forward.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. LATE NIGHT LEVY - CHARGES, EXEMPTIONS, DISCOUNTS AND BEST PRACTICE SCHEMES

The Committee received a report of the Interim Executive Director Environment, on the on the legislative provisions of the Late-Night Levy (the Levy), setting out the rules on the maximum fees that can be charged and information on discounts available and how these link to best practice schemes like the City of London Safety Thirst scheme (the Scheme).

The Chairman had commissioned this report so that newer Members of the Committee could see how the purpose and importance the Late Night levy, so that the whole Committee had a clear understanding of what this was and how it works in practice and within the law.

A Member thanked the Chairman for the report, and asked whether there would be a review of the City's late-night practices and policies in the future, to keep up with social changes and or any changes with regards to Destination City. The Chairman agreed we would always keep things under review. He also explained that as the report was now received and it included all the relevant detail, they were now able to discuss this with officers on what the next steps could be to ensure best practice. Officers had reported that the scheme currently in place was suitable and appropriate, and it compared well to others, however, by keeping an appropriate periodic view on the this, the Committee could keep a watching brief on any new schemes that may be worth looking into.

A Member highlighted the issues of cleanliness born of the nighttime economy and the impacts on costs. The Member added that with regards to premises and the levy charges, premises could obtain a 30% discount if they would take part in the Safety Thirst scheme. The member considered the Levy was seen as a fair way for premises to contribute to any issues occurring from venues. This levy also contributed to the funding of City Police to ensure the City's safe late-night economy and keeping women and others safe, but also contributed to the cleanliness of the City streets.

Members were overall happy with the report on the levy and asked that this was kept in review.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no urgent items.

10. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED- That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

11. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE QUARTERLY UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Commissioner of Police containing data for Quarter 1 2024, in relation to the nighttime economy, offences recorded by the police and discloses police operations. It also received a spiking profile from April 2023 to March 2024, which had been commissioned by the Committee at its meeting in October 2023.

12. **APPENDIX 4: DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT PERTAINING TO PREMISES LICENCES**

The Committee received a non-public appendix relating to item 6 on the Delegated decisions of the Executive Director Environment pertaining to premises licences.

13. **NON PUBLIC QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

A question was asked with regards to the ongoing work taking place in preparation for the Olympics, with regards to having more outside events and ensuring businesses were not impacted. The Member also extended their thanks for their work during the London Marathon, which ensure accessible viewing and provided a friendly family atmosphere for residents, which showed that the public service protection space order was working, and that the no drinking order meant residents could enjoy the event.

The Committee noted engagement had commenced with places who were looking to have outdoor screens. The EC bid was looking at outdoor activity, with emerging planning and future planning teams assisting, however this was not affecting licensing now. With regards to the Public Service Protection orders, it was suggested that the Committee may want to look at this in the future as potential mitigation if drinking outside become more prominent.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 2.26 pm

Chairman

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