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LICENSING COMMITTEE

10 OCTOBER 2018

(7.16 pm - 7.36 pm)

PRESENT Councillors Councillor Agatha Mary Akyigyina (in the Chair), Councillor David Simpson, Councillor Stan Anderson, Councillor Pauline Cowper, Councillor Nick Draper, Councillor Nigel Benbow, Councillor Billy Christie, Councillor Janice Howard, Councillor Paul Kohler, Councillor Rebecca Lanning, Councillor Nick McLean and Councillor Aidan Mundy

ALSO PRESENT Paul Foster, Head of the Regulatory Services Partnership
Guy Beaumont, Senior Lawyer – Litigation and Licensing
David Ryan, Technical Officer – Street Trading
Amy Dumitrescu, Democratic Services Officer

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

There were no apologies for absence from members.
Apologies were received from Barry Croft, Licensing Manager.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.
Councillor Janice Howard advised in the interests of transparency that “The Sampler” applying for a street trading licence was located within her ward.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of 12 June 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

Post Meeting Note: The Chair noted that as mentioned in the minutes of the previous meeting following the request from members to write to parliament, this work was ongoing and officers were undertaking the work required.

4 DESIGNATION OF LICENSED STREETS (Agenda Item 4)

The Technical Officer – Street Trading presented the report on the designation of parts of the highway for the purposes of Street Trading. The report concerned three applications for the following:

- 1) An area of 3.1m x 0.6m outside The Sampler 26 Leopold Road Wimbledon SW19 7BD.

2)An area of 6m x 2m outside Time in Ro 22 Abbotsbury Road Morden SM4 5LQ.

3)An area of 15m x 15m in Mitcham town centre between Mitcham Market, Tag Elezz and the clock tower CR4 2PF.

The Technical Officer gave an overview of the applications and advised that no representations had been received for any of the applications and there were no issues reported for these areas. The Technical Officer advised the Committee that applications for street trading licences were considered under separate legislation from applications for premises licences.

In response to member questions, the Technical Officer stated that the furniture for Tag Elezz is put away overnight when the premises is closed. In regards to Time in RO and the premises being in the process of being expanded and not open as yet, the Technical Officer advised the Committee that licences are not issued in the event that a premises does not open and therefore the licence will be issued once the premises renovations are fully completed.

RESOLVED

That the Committee designated the proposed areas:

1)An area of 3.1m x 0.6m outside The Sampler 26 Leopold Road Wimbledon SW19 7BD.

2)An area of 6m x 2m outside Time in Ro 22 Abbotsbury Road Morden SM4 5LQ.

3)An area of 15m x 15m in Mitcham town centre between Mitcham Market, Tag Elezz and the clock tower CR4 2PF.

5 UPDATE OF THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 (POST PUBLIC CONSULTATION) (Agenda Item 5)

The Head of the Regulatory Services Partnership presented the report on behalf of the Licensing Manager advising that four responses had been received to the consultation and these were included in the agenda pack.

Members reviewed the responses received, noting they were generally supportive of the policy.

In response to member questions, the Head of the Regulatory Services Partnership advised that the significant change would be the introduction of the Local Area Profile and this would seek to ensure stringent operating conditions for premises applying for a licence under the gambling policy.

In response to further questions the Head of the Regulatory Services Partnership advised that the Doncaster model referred to in the consultation responses had been looked at however there were no notable differences from the Merton policy or others within the Regulatory Services Partnership.

Members requested that those who had submitted responses to the consultation were written to and officers undertook to ensure all respondents were sent replies.

RESOLVED

- A. That members considered the comments received during the public consultation process, which took place between **25 June and 17 September 2018**;
- B. That members approved delegated authority to the Licensing Manager, in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee, to approve any amendments to the Statement of Principles following the Committee meeting and prior to submission to full Council for adoption on **Wednesday 21 November 2018**; and
- C. That members approved the draft Statement of Principles subject to the above paragraph and recommended it for adoption by full Council on **Wednesday 21 November 2018**.