

Decisions of the Licensing Committee

20 February 2023

Members:-

Councillor Claire Farrier (Chair)
Councillor Danny Rich (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Richard Barnes Councillor Andrea Bilbow OBE Councillor Philip Cohen Councillor Alison Cornelius Councillor Val Duschinsky	Councillor Eva Greenspan Councillor Jennifer Grocock Councillor Anne Hutton Councillor Barry Rawlings Councillor Zakia Zubairi
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1. MINUTES

In relation to agenda item 7 of the previous minutes, Cllr Alison Cornelius provided supporting information that was not available at the time of the meeting. The motion that was carried under item 18 of the Council meeting on 31 October 2017, was disseminated to Members and Officers for consideration.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 07 November 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Apologies were received from Councillor Andrea Bilbow.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS (IF ANY)

None.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT (IF ANY)

None.

6. MEMBERS ITEM (IF ANY)

None.

7. AMENDMENTS TO THE ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

The Committee received the report that highlighted the concerns raised by the RSPCA in relation to the giving of pets as prizes in the Borough. The Committee were requested to give consideration to the report's recommendations.

In response to Members, Officers clarified the difference between the Public Spaces and Protection Order (PSPO) for the area of Barnet and the Licensing Regime for commercial businesses with regard to dog walkers.

The Chair read out a statement on behalf of Councillor Simon Radford with regards to the promotion of welfare.

With regard to the proposed wording to be inserted as paragraphs 8.1 and 8.2 of the Animal Welfare Policy, the Committee noted that the proposed wording in paragraph 8.1 states that the Council “generally” does not approve the use of its land for animal licensable activities without express permission, whereas the term “generally” does not similarly appear in the proposed paragraph 8.2. It was proposed that the use of the term “generally” in the proposed paragraph 8.1 be removed.

RESOLVED that the Licensing Committee:

- 1. Approves the suggested amendments to the Animal Welfare Policy to prohibit the giving of live animals as prizes on council-owned land, with an amendment to remove the terms “generally” from the proposed paragraph 8.1.**
- 2. Approves that Officers carry out a review of the current policies and the terms and conditions of the licences and hire of Council owned land and premises to ensure that they reflect the Council’s position as regards giving of live animals as prizes with an update back to a future meeting of this Committee.**
- 3. Agrees that the Chair write on behalf of the Committee to support the RSPCA with this position and lobby central government for an amendment to the legislation.**

8. LICENSING FEES AND CHARGES

The Committee received and considered the report that contained the fees and charges specific to the Licensing Team that have been approved by the Policy and Resources Committee for 2023 – 2024.

RESOLVED that the Licensing Committee notes the report.

9. ANY ITEM(S) THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES IS URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 8:30pm