



Brent

MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

Held in the Members Suite, 4th Floor, Brent Civic Centre on Wednesday 21 May 2025
at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillor Ahmed (Chair), Councillor Long (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Akram, Bajwa, Chohan, Clinton, Hylton, Mahmood and L. Smith.

1. **Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members**

None received.

2. **Declarations of interests**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting, held on Wednesday 5 June 2024 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. **Licensing Sub-Committee Appointments and Decision-Making**

The Committee received a report from the Corporate Director Finance & Resources which set out the Committee's duty to review and determine the representation of political groups on its Regulatory Sub Committee and to make appointments in accordance with the wishes of the political groups concerned.

In considering the report the Committee NOTED:

- That whilst the Licensing Committee had a statutory duty to review and determine the representation of political groups and allocation of seats on the Regulatory Sub Committee, there was no requirement to apply these rules to the Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Sub Committee.
- The political balance principles that would apply in relation to the allocation of seats to political groups on the Regulatory Sub-Committee, as detailed in section 3.5 of the report.
- The delegations approved to the Licensing Sub-Committees and the Corporate Director Neighbourhoods & Regeneration in relation to alcohol, entertainment and gambling licensing as detailed within section 3.4 of the report.

Having considered the proposals detailed within the report, the Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the allocation of seats to political groups on the Regulatory Sub Committee, in accordance with the political balance rules as detailed within section 3.5.11 of the report (4 Labour: 1 Conservative) with the appointments to be made giving effect to the wishes of the political group(s) allocated the seats.

5. **Appointment to Sub-Committees**

Following on from item 4 above, the Committee was then asked to confirm the appointments to the Sub-Committees listed under Agenda Item 5, as had been reported to the Annual Council meeting on 14 May 2025.

It was subsequently **RESOLVED** to confirm the following appointments to each Sub-Committee:

ALCOHOL AND ENTERTAINMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

AHMED (Chair) - **LABOUR**
LONG (Vice Chair) - **LABOUR**
BAJWA - **LABOUR**

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS: To be drawn from the remaining pool of Licensing Committee members.

REGULATORY SUB-COMMITTEE

AHMED (Chair) - **LABOUR**
LONG (Vice Chair) - **LABOUR**
L SMITH - **LABOUR**
MAHMOOD - **LABOUR**
KANSAGRA – **CONSERVATIVE (substitute J Patel)**

6. **Any other urgent business**

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm and was followed by the Mandatory Member Learning and Development Session for all member of the Licensing Committee.

COUNCILLOR AHMED
Chair