

# LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

## 23 NOVEMBER 2009

**Chairman:** \* Councillor Mrs Lurline Champagnie

**Councillors:**

* Husain Akhtar	* Ashok Kulkarni
* Don Billson	* Mrs Vina Mithani
* Mrinal Choudhury	* John Nickolay
† G Chowdhury	* Phillip O'Dell
* Mano Dharmarajah	* Raj Ray
* Thaya Idaikkadar	* Tom Weiss
* Nizam Ismail	* Jeremy Zeid

\* Denotes Member present

† Denotes apologies received

### 128. **Declarations of Interest**

**RESOLVED:** To note that there were no declarations of interests.

### 129. **Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2009 as a correct record subject to an amendment to Minute 123 to read:

- a full consultation with Members had not taken place;

### 130. **Right of Members to Speak**

**RESOLVED:** That, in accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 4.1, Councillor Eileen Kinnear, be allowed to speak on item:

7. Review of Polling Districts and Polling Stations

### 131. Public Questions, Petitions and Deputations

**RESOLVED:** To note that no public questions, petitions or deputations were received.

### RESOLVED ITEMS

### 132. Review of Polling Districts and Polling Stations

The Committee received a report that provided an update on the current arrangements in relation to the review of the Council's Polling District and Stations.

The officer explained that the Elections Team had been updating the Register of Electors for publication on 1 December. Any changes to the Polling District and Stations had to be agreed prior to the publication of the register. Given the timescale this was not possible but that in accordance with statutory requirements the next review would be completed by 31 December 2011.

In response to questions by Members of the Committee, the officer confirmed that:

- investigations into alternative venues to accommodate additional polling station sites, had been unsuccessful;
- venues suggested by Members of the Committee, including Harrow Town Cricket Club, would be added to the list of potential sites;
- ward Councillors could advise officers of suggested locations within the borough for polling stations;
- plans for the location of portacabins at the McDonalds Site would be circulated after the meeting and a risk assessment report would be circulated as soon as this was available.

**RESOLVED:** That the next Polling District and Places review would be completed by 31 December 2011, in accordance with the statutory requirement.

### 133. Exclusion of the Press and Public

**RESOLVED:** That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item for the reason set out below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reason</u>
8.	Early Retirement Update	The report was exempt under paragraphs 3 (contained information relating to the financial and business affairs of the authority) and 4 (information relating to consultation

and negotiations on working relations between the authority and certain employees of the authority) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

**134. INFORMATION REPORT - Early Retirement Update**

A report of the Corporate Director of Finance which updated the Committee on the experience of early retirements and the financial impacts to date was received.

In response to questions raised by Members of the Committee, an officer advised that:

- the 85 year rule was not applicable for members who joined the Local Government Pension Scheme after 30 September 2006 but there are protections applied to pre 1 October 2006 members;
- members of the scheme that had retired on grounds of redundancy also received a one-off lump sum redundancy payment.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 8.10 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR MRS LURLINE CHAMPAGNIE  
Chairman