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| <b>UPDATE ON THE LATE NIGHT LEVY</b>                                   |   |
| <b>LICENSING COMMITTEE</b><br><b>3 JUNE 2019</b>                       | <b>CLASSIFICATION:</b><br><b>Open</b><br><b>If exempt, the reason will be listed in the main body of this report.</b> |
| <b>WARD(S) AFFECTED</b><br><b>All Wards</b>                            |   |
| <b>GROUP DIRECTOR, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING</b><br><b>KIM WRIGHT</b> |   |

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report has been prepared to provide the Licensing Committee with an update on the Late Night Levy (“the Levy”) following the meeting on 16 January 2019.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 16 January 2019, the Licensing Committee resolved that:
- The Late Night Levy board and its minutes would be a matters arising item on future Licensing Committee meeting agendas, when any LNL board meetings have taken place between Licensing Committee Meetings.
  - The job description for the Late Night Levy Manager would be circulated to the Licensing Committee members and an update would be given at the next Licensing Committee meeting.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 That the Licensing Committee notes the report.

## **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The late night levy (“the levy”) is a discretionary power, conferred on licensing authorities by provision in Chapter 2 of Part 2 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (“the 2011 Act”). This enables licensing authorities to charge a levy to persons who are licensed to sell alcohol late at night in the authority’s area, as a means of raising a contribution towards the costs of policing the late-night economy.
- 3.2 The Council consulted on the introduction of the Levy from 13 February 2017 until 7 May 2017. And following a recommendation by the Licensing Committee on 21 June 2017, the Council decided to introduce the Levy at its meeting on 26 July 2017. The effective date of the Levy was 1 November 2017.
- 3.3 The Licensing Service recorded receipts totalling £414,758 for the 12 month period commencing 1 November to 2017 (Year 1). The Council utilised £20k from the Levy for set up and administration costs and £56k as a contribution to the cost of Enforcement Patrols. The utilisation funds in the current and future years will be assessed by the Board set up to manage the Levy.

## **4. COMMENTS OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE RESOURCES**

- 4.1 This report has been prepared to provide the Licensing Committee with an update on the Late Night Levy (“the Levy”).
- 4.2 The Licensing Service recorded receipts totalling £415k for the 12 month period commencing 1 November to 2017 (Year 1). Receipts generated in

Year 2 commencing 1 November 2018 will be remitted to MOPAC after retention of the Council element which includes funding for the Enforcement Officers and the cost of administering the levy.

- 4.3 The cost of the Late Night Levy Manager will be funded by Late Night Levy receipts.

## 5. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL

- 5.1 This report is solely for noting as such there are no legal matters arising from the report that require comment on at this stage.

## APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Job Description Late Night Levy Manager

Appendix 2 – Minutes of the Late Night Levy Board held on 14 March 2019

## EXEMPT

Not applicable.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

Not applicable.

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