

Minutes of the Late Night Levy Board Meeting

5th December 2019 @ 14:00pm, Hackney Town Hall Room 114

Present:

Cllr Emma Plouviez (EP) – Chair
Cllr Caroline Selman (CS)
Robert Gardner (RG)
Maurice Mason (MM)
David Tuitt (DT)
Olga Vandenberg (OV)
Samantha Mathys (SM)
Emma Wynne (EW)
Paul Daly (PD) – Shoreditch Pubwatch
Paul Merry (PM) - Shoreditch Pubwatch
Margaret Ryan (MRy) – Stoke Newington Pubwatch
Jeremy Ledlin (JL) - Dalston Pubwatch.
Adam Popple (AP) - Hackney Central Pubwatch
Martin Rolston (MRo) Met Police
Andy Durrant (AD) Met Police

Apologies

Gerry McCarthy (GC)
William Knowles-Mofford (WKM) - Shoreditch Pubwatch

1. Chairs Introduction and Round table introductions & Apologies	<i>Action</i>
The Chair Cllr EP introduced herself and asked everyone else present to do the same.	<i>Noted</i>
2. Minutes of meeting 6 June 2019 & matters arising	
Minutes of 5th September 2019 accepted as a true record.	<i>Noted</i>
3. LBH - Late Night Levy Update and Proposals	
Update LBH soft launched the new Night Time Safety Charter, Hackney Nights and the sexual harassment campaign (#reframethenight) at the borough wide pubwatch. The Hackney Nights portal for licensees presented at the last meeting is currently undergoing the final checks of the procurement process. Launch date estimated for early 2020. The Hackney Nights best practice scheme will be launching as a phase 2 of the portal in Spring 2020. The scheme will bring together all the relevant responsible authorities to set a list of criteria based	<i>Noted</i>

on different premises models and will include bars, pubs, night clubs and late night off licenses.

Hackney Nights Training Sessions to start to take place for licensees January 2020. The idea is to have a stable offer of monthly training for licensees and their staff at all times.

The two CCTV re-deployable cameras have arrived, requests for deployments can be sent to Samantha Mathys for approval. These cameras were funded by the levy and are reserved for NTE use only.

Financial Overview

SM gave an overview of the financials for Year 2 and added that an end of year report with this information will be published on January 6th and presented at the next Licensing committee on January 14th.

Noted

By the end of Year 3, we will have a balance carried over from year 1 & 2 of approximately £19K and £42K for year 3 which will be allocated for contingencies as well as new and ongoing projects.

Proposals

SM introduced LBH proposals totalling £305,880 which were agreed by the board.

Noted

These proposals include:

1. An increase in the police budget of £200K for year 3 and 4.
2. Extension of the pilot radio scheme to 100 additional premises in the borough as well as upgrading the entire system to digital (£48,880)
3. An additional £20K for Hackney Nights public awareness campaigns.
4. A part time support and outreach officer which will assist the LNL Manager with the best practice scheme and licensee portal.
5. £5K allocated to a urinal consultation and signage in hot spot public urination areas.

AP asked about the eligibility requirements for the radio scheme and what criteria we would use.

SM specified that these would be offered to areas outside Shoreditch and would be rolled out by ward. She also stated that the 100 was determined based on analysis of the LNL Premises and pilot scheme and that we could always consider expanding that number based on take up in the next months. An update on the scheme will be provided at the next board meeting.

<p>4. Police, update and options.</p> <p>Police Update</p> <p>MRO gave a presentation on Op Lagana, a multi-agency proactive operation targeting nominals in the Shoreditch area who are largely responsible for ASB, Robbery, Theft and Violence. The Operation came about after the last board meeting to increase the presence in the NTE areas and has been in effect since Sept 2019.</p> <p>Some of the issues Lagana has been focused on are gangs of Males loitering near ATM machines, club entrances and smoking areas to target vulnerable people. These nominals offer Nitrous Oxide balloons for sale which are then littered around the streets costing the Local Authority thousands of pounds a year to clear up. They also pretend to assist people at cashpoints whilst observing them as they enter their PIN number. These individuals then get escorted away and often robbed of their belongings.</p> <p>The operation's intention is to identify, deter and disrupt these individuals issuing them with dispersals, CPWs and CPNs to ban them from the area. It is also to work with licensed venues in the area to identify these individuals, increasing confidence in the Police and protecting vulnerable victims and to reassure the residents of the Shoreditch NTE area.</p> <p>So far the operation has seen 122 arrests, 429 stop and searches, 209 dispersals, 400 licensed premises visits, 108 Cads attended and over £24K in fines.</p> <p>SM and MRO presented the framework for the NTE strategy based on prevention, understanding and enforcement initiatives the Levy is supporting.</p> <p>SM presented the partnership tasking work process and explained how LBH and the Police work together.</p> <p>CS asked if we have methods in place to capture data and trends in order to look at the final impact of Lagana.</p> <p>MRO added that special attention needed to be taken in looking at the crime stats and data, as previously to Lagana perhaps some of the trends were unreported or unaddressed and that it is possible a rise could be misread in certain crimes stats.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p> <p><i>Noted</i></p> <p><i>Noted</i></p> <p><i>Noted</i></p>

<p>SM added that we do have an intelligence hub in the council to monitor trends and crime patterns.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p>5. Pubwatch representative options and observations</p>	
<p><u>Dalston Pubwatch</u></p>	
<p>JL asked where the funds collected during the NTE joint operations between police and enforcement officers.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p>RG clarified that these funds do not go into the LNL fund directly and are reintroduced into the service. He also clarified that the amount fined is higher than the amount we collect and that the money generated goes towards covering staffing costs and deployments. Also, if the fines are paid early there is a discount applied and there are some fines issued where fees are never collected and remain unpaid.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p>PM suggested we use the funds collected by the public urination fixed penalty notices to cover signage costs to warn against public urination.</p>	<p><i>Noted SM to look into feasibility</i></p>
<p>JL also wanted to add how great it was to see the support for the recent Police operations at the borough wide pubwatch the previous week.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p>JL added how the licensees want to support a continued presence with Op Lagana.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p>JL also added that with the heightened presence he has not yet seen any crime/asb displacement towards Dalston.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p>Stoke Newington</p>	
<p>MRy added that her members were very happy with the borough wide pubwatch and extremely happy with council officers.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p>She added that one thing that was brought to her attention was the frustration that late night refreshment premises were not required to pay into the levy when sometimes they do add to the ASB and disorder outside of licensed premises.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>
<p>DT added that at the moment there is no power to authorise us to apply a levy to food based late night premises. The Home Office have introduced legislation to start allowing these powers however they only entered consultation period last year with local authorities and with everything happening in government lately, it has been held up.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>

<p>Hackney Central PW AP stated that his pubwatch group is still very fresh but mainly the issues are around persistent begging on Mare Street. The previous instructions were to contact enforcement but he added that this is hard to do without the radio link. Now, with the radio scheme hopefully it will improve and licensees will welcome this initiative.</p> <p>Shoreditch PW PM would like to extend thanks from the Shoreditch members for making the area much safer.</p> <p>PM added that the only complaint he had from members was that they did not think it was fair to extend training to non-Levy payers and that it should be exclusive to late night premises.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p> <p><i>Noted</i></p> <p><i>SM to look into</i></p>
<p>6. AOB</p>	
<p>N/A</p>	
<p>7. Date of Next Meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting is Thursday 12th March at Hackney Town Hall in room 44 at 2pm</p> <p>Following Meeting:</p> <p>Thursday June 4th 2020 @ 2pm in Room 44, Hackney Town Hall</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>