

APPENDIX 3

Late Night Levy Board

August 2020



Update regarding the legalities around the Late Night Levy and fees

It is clear from previous legal advice that the Council is unable to refund levy already paid, reduce or waive future levy payments owed under the legislation. Therefore the rationale behind a rebate is that an amount of the revenue collected in Year 3 is set aside for a 'fund' to be redistributed to those licensees that have paid.

Under the legislation, the Council uses its portion of the revenue (less the minimum 70% payment to the Police and administration costs) to provide services and activities which:

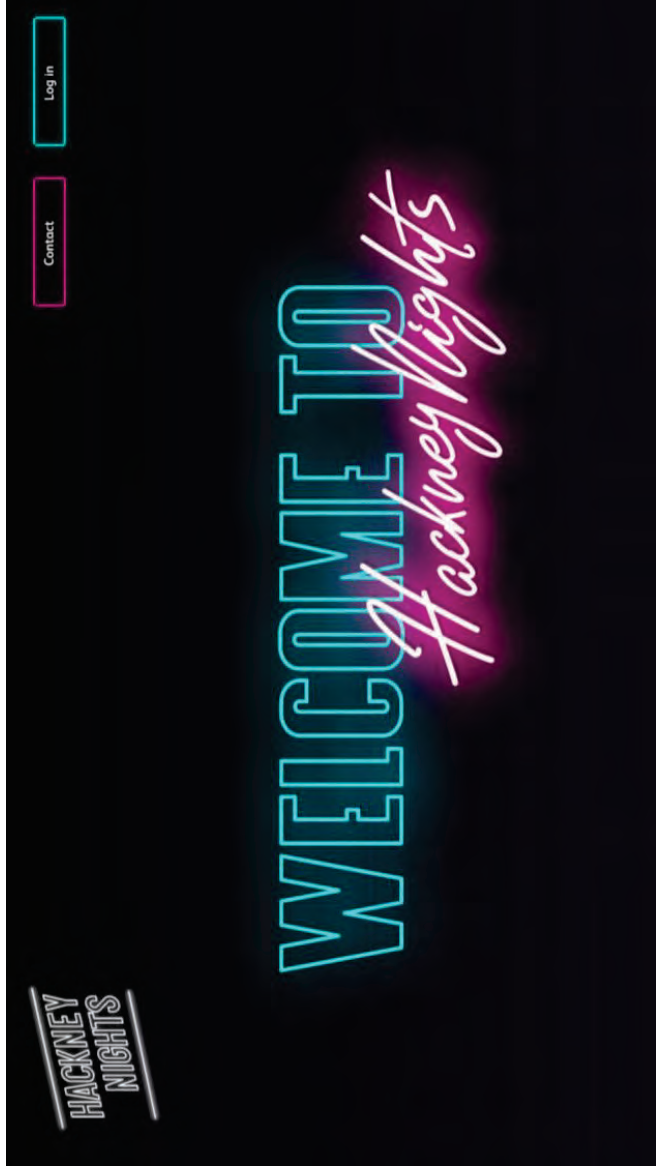
- reduce or prevent crime and disorder
- promote public safety
- reduce or prevent public nuisance

It is worth noting that the interruption caused by the pandemic will vary from business to business. This means that some method of means testing would be required which would itself create an additional administrative and financial burden. It is therefore concluded that allocating levy revenue to a fund which would then be used as a rebate would not be consistent with the objectives set out above.

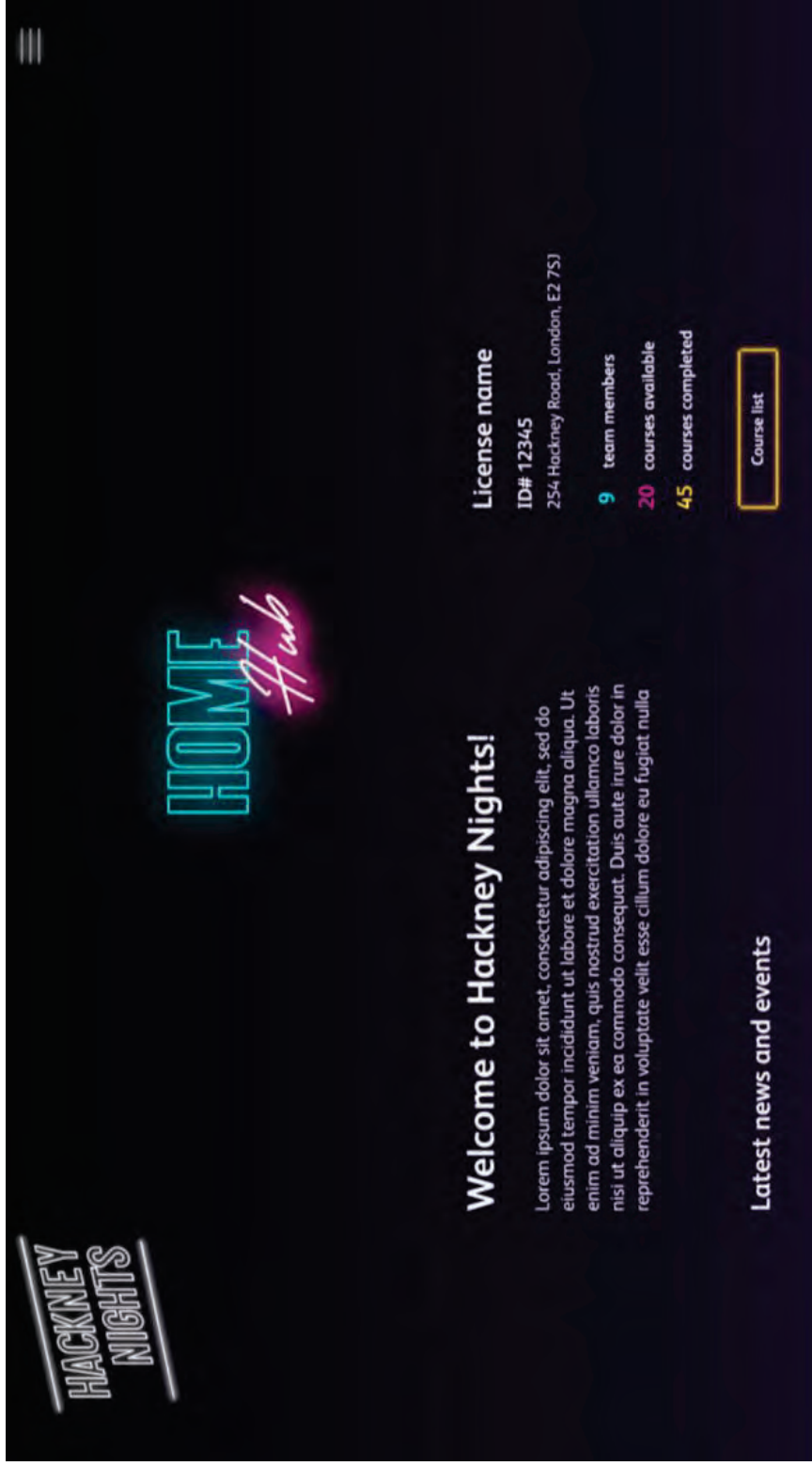
July Activities



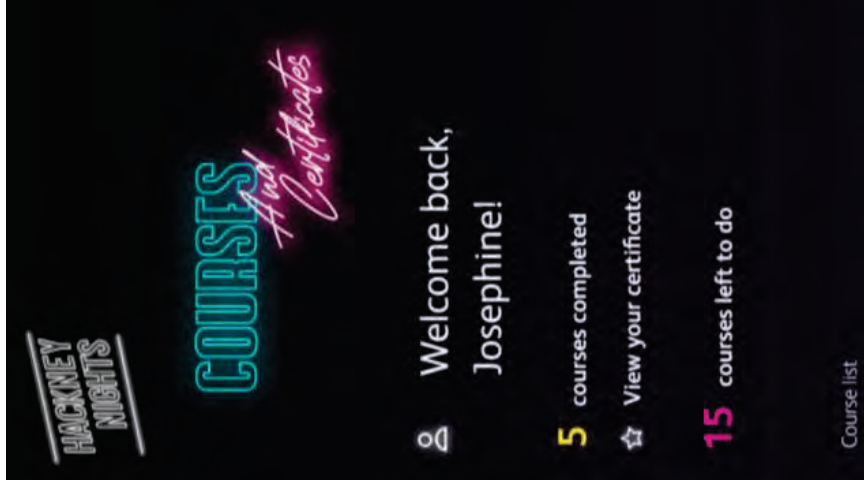
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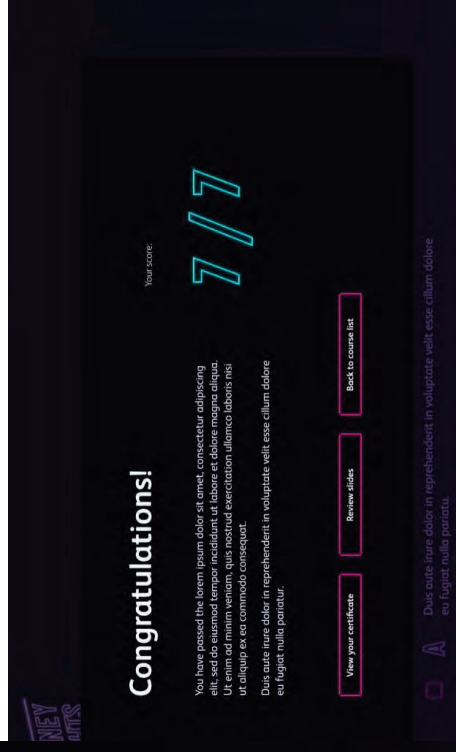


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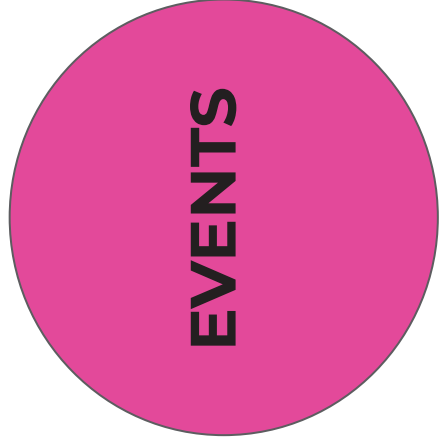
Online Safety Courses for the launch will include:

- Metropolitan Police ACT Counter Terrorism Course
- Drinkaware vulnerability and Conflict Management Course
- Coronavirus Guidelines for licensed premises
- Substance Misuse Training (drink spiking, chem sex, NOX and drugs)
- To Serve or Not to Serve

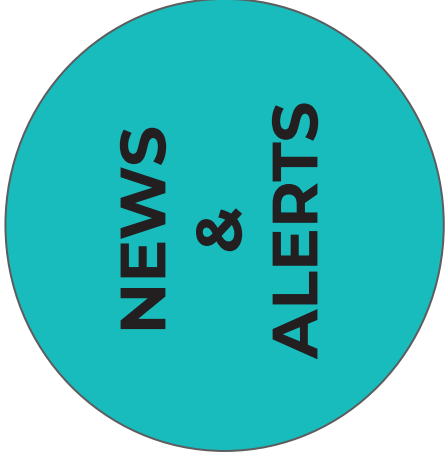


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Other Areas of the Portal



Live and streamed event listing with meetings, panels, trainings and more.



- Important safety messages and alerts from MET and the council
- Important updates / newsletters
- Surveys



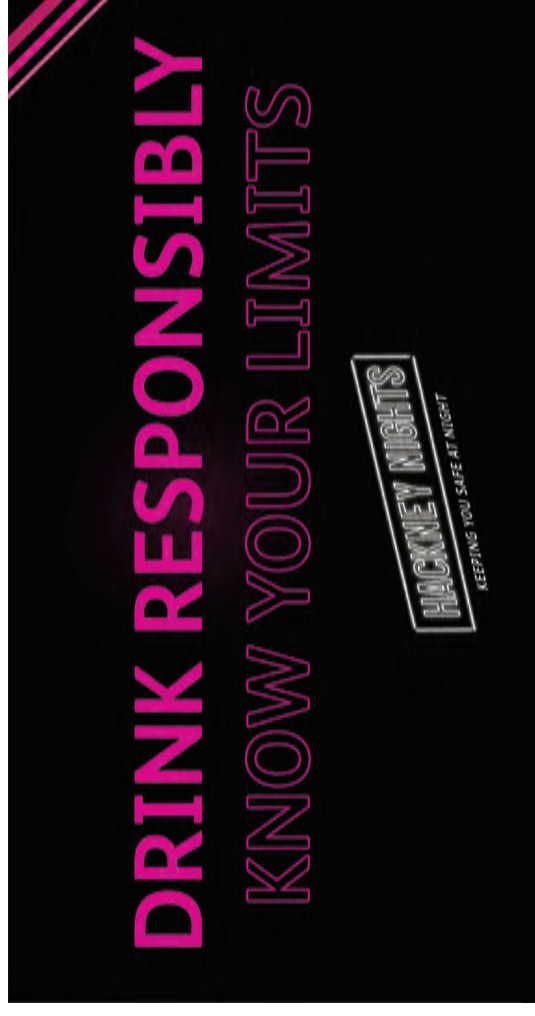
- Posters
- Information
- Forms
- Policies
- FAQs



- Guides
- Checklists
- Best Practice Scheme to be introduced post-covid

Anti ASB / Mobile Messaging Vehicle

- The Late Night Levy has funded four weekends of coordinated activities with Police Officers from the Neighbourhood Improvement District to increase engagement with visitors to the re-opened NTE/hospitality sector.
- Hackney Nights messaging around crime prevention advice, safer socialising, sexual harassment, anti-social behaviour advice as well as bespoke content around ASB in parks such as London Fields was displayed on a mobile messaging vehicle around the borough.
- 530 crime prevention leaflets with anti-robbery and theft information were distributed by Met Support Volunteers and Officers. One machete was recovered during weapon sweeps and we received very positive feedback from local residents and the wider community who were speaking to officers and volunteers and taking photographs of the MMV.



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Future Activities



Joint anti-robbery / theft campaign with MET Police Neighborhood Improvement District with activities planned over the Bank Holiday weekend.

AIMS:

- Raise awareness of vulnerability to Personal Robbery in key locations (allows for a baseline to be taken against understanding)
- Increase understanding of what people can do by equipping the public with sound crime prevention advice
- Work with partners to increase the impact of comms and provide advice and toolkits to officers to equip them to do this.



- Continued engagement and development work with licensees and partners around the Hackney Nights portal. We are in the process of having sign up cards designed for the purpose of distributing to licensees so they can sign up via the link hackneynights.co.uk/signup.
- We are also in the process of setting up our own Hackney Nights social media accounts which will focus on night time safety messaging and information. The Neighborhood Improvement district and MET Police are working with us to ensure all available information will be available via the Portal as well utilise the alerts system to send out important messages in one push to every licensee's inbox.
- Engagement work in partnership with Hackney Business Network to assess the current state of the night time economy as well as help us to evaluate the long term implications that the pandemic has had on Hackney licensees to make sure that the financial viability of next year's levy activities is assured.



Financial Summary



London Borough of Hackney - Licensing Service	
Late Night Levy Year 3 - Summary	
	Budget
	Year 3
INCOME	
Balance Carried Over from Previous years	£490,528.00
Total Receipts Nov 19 to July 20	£230,551.00
Total	£721,079.00
BUDGETED AMOUNTS	
Recurring Expenditure	
MOPAC - Police Funding	£245,000.00
Enforcement Patrols	£64,000.00
CCTV	£5,000.00
Salaries, Administration and Ongoing costs	£85,002.00
Non-Recurring Expenditure	
Radio Upgrade and Scheme for Licensees	£24,010.00
CCTV - Relocatable Cameras, Van and Deployments	£35,698.00
Print, Advertisement and Design	£7,270.00
Events	£1,785.00
Women's Safety Campaign and Training (Good Night Out)	£14,150.00
Drinkaware Training License	£10,000.00
Hackney Nights Portal Build	£24,500.00
Mobile Messaging Vehicle	£3,564.00
Total Expenditures / Allocations	£519,979.00
Final Balance	£191,100.00

- We are down approximately £108K in receipts compared to the same time last year due to the decision to not send renewal letters to bars, pubs, restaurants and nightclubs.
- The balance carried over from previous years have covered any shortfalls in income due to Coronavirus.
- A full financial analysis will be conducted during the month of September as we will start to be able to determine what businesses are expected to continue trading.

Police Update

Operation Lagana

NTF Officers, TSG and the licensing unit are out every Friday and Saturday night in night time economy areas.

These are the cumulative returns for the operation.

Police to provide verbal update.

	<u>11</u>	<u>Stop and Search Overall</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>233</u>
<u>Weapons Sweeps</u>			
<u>Premises search (Sec 18/32 PACE etc)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>S&S Weapons & Knives</u>	<u>40</u>
<u>Premises Searched under Warrant</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>S&S Drugs</u>	<u>167</u>
<u>Firearms Seizures</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>S&S Psychoactive Sub</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Offensive Weapons / Knife Seizures</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>S&S Stolen Property</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>Cash Seizures</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>S&S Other</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>Vehicle Seizures</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Total Arrests</u>	<u>57</u>
<u>Drug Seizures</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>Arrest Off Weapon & Knives</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>NOX Canister Seizures</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Arrest Firearms</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Arrest Enquiries</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Arrests Other (Drugs/ Violence etc)</u>	
<u>Total CADs attended</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>Community Resolution</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>Weapon/ Violence CADs</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>PND</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Non Weapon / Violence CADs</u>		<u>ASB Notices</u>	<u>9</u>

