

# Minutes of the Late Night Levy Board Meeting

December 9th, 2020 @ 14:00pm via Zoom

## Present:

Cllr Emma Plouviez (EP) – Chair, also chair of Licensing Committee Regulation  
Cllr Susan Fajana-Thomas (SFT) - Cabinet member for Community Safety  
Samantha Mathys (SM) - LBH - Late Night Levy Manager  
Robert Gardner (RG) - LBH - Business Regulation & Enforcement  
Olga Vandenberg (OV) - LBH - Business Communications & Engagement Officer  
Emma Wynne (EW) - LBH - Communications Officer  
David Tuitt (DT) - LBH - Licensing Team Leader  
Margaret Ryan (MRy) – Stoke Newington Pubwatch  
Jack Soilleux (JS) - Dalston Pubwatch  
Adam Popple (APO) - Hackney Central Pubwatch  
William Knowles-Moffard (WKM) – Shoreditch Pubwatch  
SUPT Andy Port (AP) - Met Police  
A.INSP Sam Horton - Met Police / NTF

## Apologies

Gerry McCarthy (GC) - LBH - Head of Community Safety, Enforcement and Business  
Maurice Mason - LBH - Community Safety

1. <b>Chairs Introduction and Round table introductions &amp; Apologies</b>	<i>Action</i>
The Chair Cllr EP introduced herself and asked everyone else present to do the same.	<i>Noted</i>
2. <b>Minutes of meeting December &amp; matters arising</b>	
Minutes of August accepted as a true record.	<i>Noted</i>
3. <b>LBH - Late Night Levy Update</b>	
<b>Update</b> SM presented the Late Night Levy update for December 2020, see attached papers.	<i>Noted</i>
4. <b>Police, update and options.</b>	
AP gave an overview of the summary since reopening and results of Operation Lagana since the re-opening: 178 arrests 623 stop and searches 207 dispersal notices	<i>Noted</i>

2083 visits to licensed premises  
9 offensive weapons / knives seizures  
37 drug seizures  
11 vehicle seizures

#### Police Update

Operation Lagana is being replaced by a new problem solving policing plan called Hackney Nights. The bulk of the officers who will be policing the NTE will be from the BCU. Where historically a significant portion of the allocated police LNL budget was being used for overtime, this will NOT be the case anymore as CE BCU is committing a minimum of 28 police officers every weekend (Thurs-Fri-Sat)

#### Hackney Nights

This policing plan has partnership working at the heart of it with a key emphasis on ensuring public safety, reducing crime and making the NTE as safe as possible. This will build on the excellent partnership between LBH and CE BCU and identify innovative, sustainable and cost effective responses to managing the NTE. The resources allocated by CE BCU (business as usual) for the NTE moving forwards will be 1 Inspector, 4 Sergeants and 24 Constables. The shifts will be 18:00 – 02:00 (to be reviewed post Covid-19).

This will not incur any cost from the LNL, however in periods where resources are stretched or for operations which would warrant extra resources in addition to the 28 officers, we would like to put in place a £52K Contingency fund aside to cover January-March 2020.

This fund is to allow for a maximum of 1 Sergeant and 6 Constables, and in most cases this additional contingency would not be used, only to fill in any gaps for certain situations were a lack of sufficient resource would impact on the overall safety in the borough during NTE hours.

#### LNL Proposal

The teams primarily responsible for policing the NTE are critically understaffed with officers who hold a Response driving status. This status allows officers to drive police vehicles with blue lights and sirens activated and with road exemptions. In addition to this, our current fleet of vehicles is being stretched due to other priority demands in CE BCU as well as centrally with protests, demonstrations, events etc. As the policing model is now changing to incorporate other strands, officers will be based in various sites across the BCU (Hackney and Tower Hamlets) therefore there is a logistical issue due to a lack of vehicles to ensure officers assigned

<p>to Hackney Nights are able to travel efficiently to Shoreditch Police Station where they will be briefed before being deployed. Some key points/rationale are below:</p> <p>Problem 1 : Lack of response drivers</p> <p>Effect: Inability to respond to immediate grade response calls and attend calls of high harm/risk (violence, robbery, suspects on scene), inability to quickly respond to crime/disorder/ASB in other NTE hotspots in Hackney (Dalston, Stoke Newington, Broadway Market, Hackney Central), detrimental effect on assisting EO's who regularly encounter hostile and volatile situations</p> <p>Additional info: We are requesting funds for four courses initially (~£8k). The preliminary cost of one response driving course is ~£2k. Officers allocated courses will be tenured to the team for 1-2 years however by investing in our staff and upskilling them, it is anticipated retention will improve. Please note that this cost has been significantly reduced after negotiations with the centre as we are providing a response car for the training and the courses will be conducted on the BCU by trainers.</p> <p>Problem 2 : Lack of marked police minibuses</p> <p>Effect: Transport issues with officers being unable to travel to Shoreditch Police Station from their respective sites. This is one of the few consequences of having every strand in the BCU committing to providing resources as they will not all be at the same location! Lack of marked police minibuses means an inability to ensure hostile vehicle mitigation at crowded places/problem hotspots, so this will act as an effective tool for CT mitigation measures until a long term solution can be found (the NID and LBH are working on some things).</p> <p>Additional Info: We are requesting funds to loan a marked police minibus (~£250 - £600 per month). This minibus would be a dedicated vehicle to police the NTE only and will only be used in other policing activity during exceptional circumstances. Hackney Nights branding will be applied to the marked police minibus to further strengthen and promote our partnership working.</p> <p><b>Total Funds: £60K plus monthly lease costs for vehicle.</b></p>	
<p><b>5. Pubwatch representative options and observations</b></p>	
<p><u>Stoke Newington Pubwatch</u></p> <p>MRy wanted to raise the ASB being caused by the off licensed trade. She reported that other than that it has been very quiet.</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>

<p><u>Hackney Central Pubwatch</u></p> <p>APO explained that Hackney Central is quiet. He hasn't seen ASB around off licenses. The main concern amongst licensees is the quick changes in guidance and adapting with such short notice. It is very tough on the businesses. Bars who don't get busy until 11pm are essentially having to reinvent themselves. Closures will happen.</p> <p><u>Dalston Pubwatch</u></p> <p>it is likely we will see a lot of closures. Most premises have been doing an amazing job at enforcing the guidelines and Dalston premises are sharing best practice.</p> <p>The main issue for Dalston that is raised time and time again are the issues around Gillett Square. Police funding is extremely important and he wishes there were more support from the Central Government.</p> <p><u>Shoreditch Pubwatch</u></p> <p>WKM raised concerns from his members and confirmed they would be in support of the council lobbying of the government in regards to the re-opening of venues as many are struggling to survive.</p>	
<p>6. <b>AOB</b></p>	
<p>N/A</p>	
<p>7. <b>Date of Next Meeting.</b></p> <p>The next meeting is 24th February 2020 via Google Hangouts, details to be circulated</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>