

LATE NIGHT LEVY - REPORT ON THE 2021 CONSULTATION	
LICENSING COMMITTEE 9 SEPTEMBER 2021	CLASSIFICATION: OPEN If exempt, the reason will be listed in the main body of this report.
WARD(S) AFFECTED ALL WARDS	
GROUP DIRECTOR, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING AJMAN ALI	

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report has been prepared to provide the Licensing Committee with an update on the consultation held on changing the terms of the Late Night Levy ("the Levy"). The consultation took place from 2nd June to 24 July 2021.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 That the Licensing Committee notes the report and the appendices.

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 Levy was introduced without any scope for exemptions or reductions. This change to the terms of the Levy would now allow for a reduction in the amount payable by businesses that are members of a relevant best practice scheme and will be in accordance with the Late Night Levy (Expenses Exemptions and Reductions) Regulations 2012.

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 consultation held on changing the terms of the Late Night Levy ("the Levy").
- 4.2 Licence holders that meet an accredited standard would be eligible for a 30% reduction in the annual levy amount payable. Therefore the amount of funding available for activities would be reduced in proportion to the number of accredited businesses from Year 5 onwards. However, it is not possible to know this amount at the present time as this is a change to the terms of the Levy. This will be monitored as an ongoing exercise.

5. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE SERVICES

- 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 - Late Night Levy 2021 Consultation Report

EXEMPT

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Not applicable.

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