

Late Night Levy - Year 4 Q3 Update

1. Year 4 YTD Income

- 1.1 Income continues to be affected, however, we have resumed sending out reminders for businesses to pay their Late Night Levy fees. Income should now start to return to normal levels.
- 1.2 Total receipts in Year 4 to date amounted to £42,601.
- 1.3 There is a balance carried over from previous years of £260,073.

2. Year 4 YTD Expenditure

- 2.1 The table below analyses YTD expenditure.

Balance Carried over from Previous Years	£260,073
Receipts to date (November 2020 to June 2021)	£44,137
<hr/>	
Q1 Spend	
<i>Police Spend - August to November 2020</i>	£22,417
Enforcement Activity (April 2020-March 2021)	£22,000
Administration & Salaries (April 2020-March 2021)	£76,306
Hackney Nights Portal, Best Practice Scheme, Print and Design	£6,328
Q2 Spend	
Police Spend - No spend due to Lockdown / Covid-19	
Launch and testing of the new Hackney Nights Portal and creation of the accreditation portion of the site.	£5,599
Print and design costs for the portal launch	£307
Training and Toolkits (Women's Safety, Hate Crime, Disability Awareness)	£3,778
Q3 Spend	
Police Spend (April to June)	£38,695
Licensee Radio Scheme	£4,070

CCTV Deployments	£510
Balance:	£124,200

Policing & Enforcement

April to July

- 2.2 We have resumed our late night levy patrols from April onwards. The reopening of the night time economy has presented many challenges. Central East Police have worked with Specialist Crime colleagues throughout the summer to tackle drugs supply/misuse and reduce sexual offences.

The Central East Hackney Nights Policing Plan is, by design, robust. There has been an increase in violence towards Police and Enforcement Officers. When we identify offences, and failings we will be taking enforcement action at the earliest opportunity, utilising dispersal notices and CPNs / CPWs.

Central East Police will scrutinise all TENs and events planned within the NTE. If they cannot be serviced by the Hackney Nights Policing plan, they will be objected to.

Radio Scheme

- 2.3 We have been issuing new radios to certain venues as the economy has reopened. The radio scheme allows for licensees to be provided with a free handset with a direct link to our CCTV control room.

Accreditation Scheme

- 2.4 The accreditation scheme criteria has been finalised after consulting with various council services and other important stakeholders, such as the Police.
- 2.5 Accreditation criteria to be presented to the Committee.

Late Night Levy Consultation

- 2.6 The consultation on the Late Night Levy has ended. The results shall be presented to the Committee as a separate agenda point. The consultation was a statutory requirement in order to apply a reduction of 30% to licensees that gain the Hackney Nights accreditation.

3. Future Projects in Year 4

3.1 We will continue to work with the Police to bolster our night time economy resources and work in partnership to manage the night time economy. We have also submitted a Community Safety bid for the Home Office's Women's Safety fund which will fund a variety of pilot projects which may then be reviewed and a decision made to fund from the Late Night Levy in 2022.

Some of the proposals being considered are:

- Additional Police deployments under operation Roussanne
- Messaging, Signage and public awareness campaigns
- Safer female urinals / toilet provision
- Designated Uber pick up points within Shoreditch
- Stewards (Like Westminster's Soho Angels) to assist with vulnerable individuals and free up Police resource in the context of individuals waiting for care from LAS, etc.
- Enforcement overtime
- St Johns Ambulance
- Turning Point safeguarding for longer term support

3.2 Accreditation Scheme

Our main focus for the upcoming quarter will be to engage with licensees about the accreditation scheme and encourage use of the online portal. Licensees will have to submit their accreditation application by October 31st, 2021 in order to receive a 30% reduction on their fees next year.

Each application will be closely reviewed and shared with partners before approving their application.

The accreditation scheme will be reviewed annually.

There will be some public awareness work to be conducted to inform the public on the benefits of supporting local accredited venues.

3.3 Hackney Nights Portal and Training

Activities will be ongoing and a constant training offering will always be available on the Hackney Nights Portal. New trainings will be developed over the autumn with a focus on awareness around NOX misuse.

4. Conclusions

- 4.1 As the night time economy re-opens, we have resumed receiving income and expect to be at regular Levy income levels by the end of the current levy year.
- 4.2 The online portal and accreditation scheme will be instrumental in the safe re-opening of the NTE and a chance for us to build back better.
- 4.3 Notwithstanding the above, the Licensing Service will continue to prepare and present quarterly updates to the Licensing Committee which, as well as the Board, will maintain oversight of the Levy moving forward.