

Late Night Levy - Year 5 Q2 to Q3 Update

1. Year 5 YTD Income

- 1.1 The Licensing Service has started to resume normal collections and we are seeing an increase in revenue when compared to year 4.
- 1.2 Total receipts in Year 5 to date amounted to £251,716.
- 1.3 There is a balance carried over from previous years of £146,232.
- 1.4 There are amounts outstanding to be collected from previous years of approximately £490K.

2. Year 5 YTD Expenditure

- 2.1 The table below analyses YTD expenditure.

Late Night Levy Year 5 Q1-3 (1st October 2021 to July 31st, 2022)	
Late Night Levy Receipts - October 2021 to July 2022	£251,716.00
Balance carried over from Year 4	£146,232.00
<i>Please note there is uncollected funds from previous years Approx £350K from Year 4 and £141K from Year 3</i>	
Expenditure	
Admin (1 Year)*	£20,000.00
Enforcement (1 Year of Late Night Overtime)*	£65,000.00
LNL Manager (1 Year Salary including costs)*	£63,745.00
Medics April to July 2022 (4 months)	£14,446.00
MET Police - Provision of overtime between July 2021-Oct 2022	£51,616.82
MET Police - Provision of overtime between November to December 2021	£17,656.07
MET Police - Provision of overtime Jan-Mar 22	£30,220.73
MET Police - Provision of overtime April 2022	£44,884.54
MMV - 2nd & 3rd June Jubilee Weekend	£1,100.00
Print and Design (Posters, campaign materials, accreditation scheme)	£1,965.00
Recruitment Costs March 2022	£1,720.00
Redeployable Camera Deployment Costs April 2022	£1,347.00
Redeployable Camera Deployment Costs February 2022	£247.00

Redeployable Camera Data Package Renewal 3 Years	£6,038.00
Training Costs Dec 2021	£204.00
Total Expenditure YTD	£320,190.16
Balance remaining	£77,757.84
*These transactions are recorded at the end of the financial year and deducted for the previous annual period	

3.0 Manifesto Commitments

Manifesto commitments were set in May after the election period. The Hackney Nights team will work with licensed premises to ensure that night time spaces are well managed, informed and inclusive and that they contribute to the long term success of our town centres and neighbourhoods for our residents, businesses and visitors to the borough.

4.0 Crime prevention and engagement

4.1 Prevention is a big part of the work delivered, increasing public awareness and also working directly with licensed premises to ensure their staff are well informed of the issues and well trained.

4.2 We have delivered a steady program of regular training via the online Hackney Nights portal and in person. These are free to all licensed premises in Hackney.

- WAVE (Welfare and Vulnerability) sessions are conducted monthly in person and in partnership with Tower Hamlets. These sessions cover alcohol, general safety, Ask Angela, vulnerability, drink spiking, sexual harassment and misogyny.
- Drinkaware bar staff vulnerability training. This course covers the same topics as the WAVE but is available online and bar staff can complete using their own devices.
- Good Night Out Gender Based Violence Workshop is a more in depth session and is available bi-monthly. It covers sexual harassment, assault, vulnerability, and misogyny, giving venues the tools to create policies that will aim to stamp out unwanted behaviors.
- LGBTQI+ Venue Safety Workshops
- Bespoke venue training in multiple areas delivered on site by the LNL Manager, available for free to any venue.

- Domestic Violence online training
 - ACT Strategic Counter Terrorism in person sessions for management
 - ACT Counter Terrorism online training for frontline staff
 - Licensing training
- 4.3 We have regularly engaged with licensed premises via meetings, forums, site visits and pubwatches to ensure they have access to all the important information that is easily accessible via the Hackney Nights online portal.
- 4.4 The LNL support officer started in mid July and has started to regularly engage with premises, focusing on boosting enrollment to our online portal and boosting our reach to licensees across the borough.
- 4.5 On Tuesday the 19th of July, businesses gathered at the Town Hall for “An Evening for Night Time Economy” The event marked the launch of the Hackney Nights accreditation scheme to businesses as well as open discussion around a variety of topics of interest to the industry. There were representatives present from various services within the council, Community Safety, LGBTQI+, Hate Crime, Licensing, Environmental Health, Environmental Protection, CCTV, as well as the Hackney Nights team with information and guidance regarding safety and crime prevention in areas such as drink spiking, gender based violence, and more. The businesses heard talks from Chief Inspector Lucky Singh from the Met Police and Cllr Fajana-Thomas, Hackney Council’s Cabinet Member for Community Safety as well as Samantha Mathys, Late Night Levy Manager. Certificates were given to the first 5 licensed premises to receive their application.
- 4.6 We have launched the accreditation scheme on the Hackney Nights portal and we are currently accepting applications from premises. We had initially received 27 applications and of those, 5 premises have had their applications successfully approved: Oslo, Blondies, Mascara Bar, Village Underground and EarTH. The Venue Accreditation scheme will be launched to the wider public over the month of September and we continue to evaluate applications that come in. The scheme set a standard for our vision of what a good Hackney venue should have in place with the aims of becoming safer, better managed and inclusive to all and in line with Hackney values. Accredited venues will benefit from a 30% reduction on the late night levy.
- 4.7 We are in the process of creating an interactive Hackney Nights Map that will point out the location of all these accredited venues and we are in the process of planning a big public awareness piece, pushing these venues and explaining what accreditation entails in September. Accredited venues must:
- Be inclusive. They must have a zero tolerance to hate and discrimination.

- Be safe - They must be safe spaces and operate with robust crime prevention policies and also sign up to the Mayor of London's safety charter.
- Be involved - Play a part in their local communities
- Be sustainable - They must reduce waste and adopt other sustainable policies.
- Be respectful - Manage noise and nuisance to neighbours properly
- Be healthy - Prioritise health and wellbeing of staff and customers
- Be educated - Staff must regularly take part in all training programs and workshops

5.0 Enforcement and Welfare - February 2022 to July 2022 (Q2 and Q3)

- 5.1 Police overtime agreement continued into Q2 and Q3, funding 1 Inspector, 4 Sergeants and 24 Police constables across the borough in night time economy areas. They have been contracted on Fridays and Saturdays until 6am. The main change to the policing plan is that we have now developed a model where local Police officers who have good knowledge of Hackney are now working the night time economy as opposed to officers from all over the South East of England. We also have the addition of a Shoreditch town centre team who focus on problem solving and long term solutions towards issues in the night time economy which are not funded by the Late Night Levy. This has enabled savings across our enforcement budgets. The Hackney Nights policing plan is focused around reducing vulnerability, violence especially against women and girls, thefts and robbery, substance misuse and nitrous oxide.
- 5.2 In April 2022, we introduced a medical team to Shoreditch as a pilot program for 3 months. This includes provision of two highly trained medical staff to provide medical assistance, spot vulnerability as well as help with issues such as drink spiking or sexual offences. They are connected to CCTV, Police, Enforcement officers as well as all the businesses via various radio channels. In the 3 month pilot period, they have helped over 100 victims or individuals, some of which had life threatening injuries. They also free up resources, allowing Police and Enforcement officers to relay duty of care of an individual, allowing officers to respond to other incidents and reducing pressure on the London Ambulance Service. The review of the pilot was presented at the last Late Night Levy Board and agreed that the medical assistance shall continue for the next 3 months and be reevaluated once again at the next Late Night Levy board meeting in October. The expenditure of the medics program has been absorbed into the Police allocation to utilise the current Police underspend.

- 5.3 We have continued to deploy CCTV cameras to night time economy areas with little or no coverage. We currently still own 4 redeployable cameras for which we have just renewed the data packages to cover the next three years.
- 5.4 We have continued to fund 4 Enforcement officers to patrol night time economy areas to deal with things such as public urination, littering and antisocial behaviour mostly in the Shoreditch area. We also have funded a dedicated enforcement officer for Dalston.

6.0 Communication and information sharing with all stakeholders

- 6.1 We have continued to use the Hackney Nights portal as our main communication tool with licensees. Live demonstration to follow.
- 6.2 We provide meaningful updates about Hackney Nights in all partnership and member meetings (Licensing Committee, NTE Subgroup, LOEG, Partnership Tasking, Licensing Monthly Update meetings, VAWG strategic board).
- 6.3 As part of our manifesto commitments, we have developed a plan to increase communications and safety messaging to start in the fall.
- 6.4 Our first quarterly Hackney Nights Newsletter has been developed and will go out quarterly to all portal users, partners, Cllrs and other stakeholders.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 We have a robust plan in place for the upcoming year with a focus on prevention, education, enforcement, welfare and improving publicity and ramping up our communications strategy in line with 2022 manifesto commitments.
- 7.2 The accreditation scheme, which is one of a kind across the country, will be our main focus in the fall months.
- 7.3 We are in a stable position financially but need to ensure we collect all outstanding fees from previous years.
- 7.4 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.