

## Late Night Levy - Year 5 Q4 Update

### 1. Year 5 Year To Date (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 amounted to £492,277. Of the total amount, £186,841 was collected in October alone.
- 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 £410,000.
- 1.5 In most cases, we have had to send reminder letters for multiple years as we had previously paused sending annual fee letters to allow time for businesses to bounce back from the pandemic.
- 1.6 It is intended to present a full annual financial report at the end of each financial year to provide more accurate figures.

### 2. Year 5 YTD Expenditure

- 2.1 The table below analyses YTD expenditure.

<u>Expenditure</u>	
Administration (1 Year)* Collections, admin, databases, letters, officer time	£20,000.00
Enforcement Service (1 Year of Late Night Patrols)*	£65,000.00
LNL Manager and Support Officer (1 Year Salaries including costs)*	£83,614.00
Medics April to July 2022 (4 months)	£14,446.00
Medics August to October 2022 (3 months) including BH	£12,212.00
MET Police - Provision of overtime between July 2020-Oct 2021	£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
MET Police - Provision of overtime May - July 2022	£53,583.23
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
Redeployable Camera Deployment Costs September - October 2022	£737.00
Training Costs Dec 2021	£204.00
Total YTD Expenditure	£406,591.39
Balance Remaining	£231,917.61
*These transactions are recorded at the end of the financial year and deducted for the previous annual period	

### 3. Crime Prevention, Engagement & Education

- 3.1 The Council has continued to deliver a steady programme of regular training via the online Hackney Nights portal and in person. These are free to all licensed premises in Hackney. We teamed up with Tower Hamlets and the MET Police to deliver a special briefing for the FIFA World Cup on 15th November 2022. We had several hundred attend either in person or online.
- 3.2 Officers 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.
- 3.3 The Late Night Levy Support Officer is undertaking visits to premises to boost portal enrollments and ensure all licensees have access to the latest guidance and information.
- 3.4 The accreditation scheme work is ongoing with two additional licensed premises having their application accepted. Applications have slowed but we are sending out invitations to apply via post to every late night levy premises as part of our newsletter in November ahead of the festive period.
- 3.5 Accredited venues will benefit from a 30% reduction on the late night levy as part of our greater recovery plan from the pandemic and the impact it has had on businesses.

### 4. Enforcement and Welfare of Night Time Economy Users

- 4.1 The Police overtime agreement ended on October 31st 2022. The Police agreement funded 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 06.00. The total contract amount was for £150,000 but the final confirmed spend will be expected to be approximately £125,000.

- 4.2 At the Late Night Levy Board meeting in October, it was presented that resources would be reduced to 1 Inspector, 3 sergeants and 18 constables from January to March 2023. We have signed a new agreement to cover November 2022 to March 2023 in the amount of £115,000.
- 4.3 It was agreed at the Late Night Levy Board meeting that the medics program would continue and we have now signed an agreement for the next six months. It was also agreed to have additional provision on Thursdays in December for the holiday season. From August to October 2022 they have treated a total of 114 individuals for the following: 42 Intoxicated with alcohol or drugs and vulnerable, 18 assault injuries, 18 accidental injuries, 11 unresponsive, 8 road traffic collisions, 5 mental health, 4 stabbings, 3 illness, 3 overdose, 1 Police officer assaulted, and 1 allergic reaction.
- 4.4 The number of new radios being given out has increased by 16 and there has been a notable increase in traffic over the last month. A pilot programme for an additional CCTV operator during night time economy hours in the control room to specifically monitor the business channels and accommodate increased radio traffic is under way.
- 4.5 The Levy has continued to fund Enforcement Officers to patrol night time economy areas to deal with issues including public urination, littering and antisocial behaviour mostly in the Shoreditch area. Funding has also been allocated for a dedicated enforcement resource for Dalston. It is anticipated that the enforcement resource is likely to increase as the Police allocation decreases.

## **5. Communication and information sharing with all stakeholders**

- 5.1 The Hackney Nights portal remains the main communication tool with licensees.
- 5.2 Meaningful updates regarding Hackney Nights is proved in all partnership and member meetings (Licensing Committee, Night time Economy Subgroup, Licensing Officers Enforcement Group , Partnership Tasking, Licensing Monthly Update meetings, Violence Against Women and Girls Strategic Board).

5.3 The first quarterly Hackney Nights Newsletter has been developed and first edition gone to all Hackney Nights portal users, Partners, Councillors and other stakeholders. The second edition (festive season) was sent out in November.

## **6. Conclusion**

6.1 The Hackney Nights night time economy program is working well with an excellent partnership in place between Enforcement Officers, Medics, and the Police.

6.2 The Levy is in a secure financial position moving into the next financial year which is November 2022-October 2023.

6.3 There has been some resistance to the payment of fees including arrears and Officers anticipated the take up of the scheme to be higher. We need to ensure more businesses apply and will continue to focus on this area.

6.4 There is a robust plan in place for the festive period and to include the FIFA World Cup which is currently taking place.

6.5 The Licensing Service will continue to prepare and present quarterly updates to the Licensing Committee which, as well as the Late Night Levy Board which will maintain oversight of the Levy moving forward.