

Late Night Levy - Year 6 Q1 Update

1. Year 6 Year To Date (YTD) Income

- 1.1 Total receipts in Year 6 Q1 amounted to £152,745.00.
- 1.2 A full financial report will be published following the end of the financial year and presented to the Licensing Committee.

2. Year 6 YTD Expenditure

- 2.1 The table below analyses YTD expenditure between 1 November 2022 and 31 January 2023.

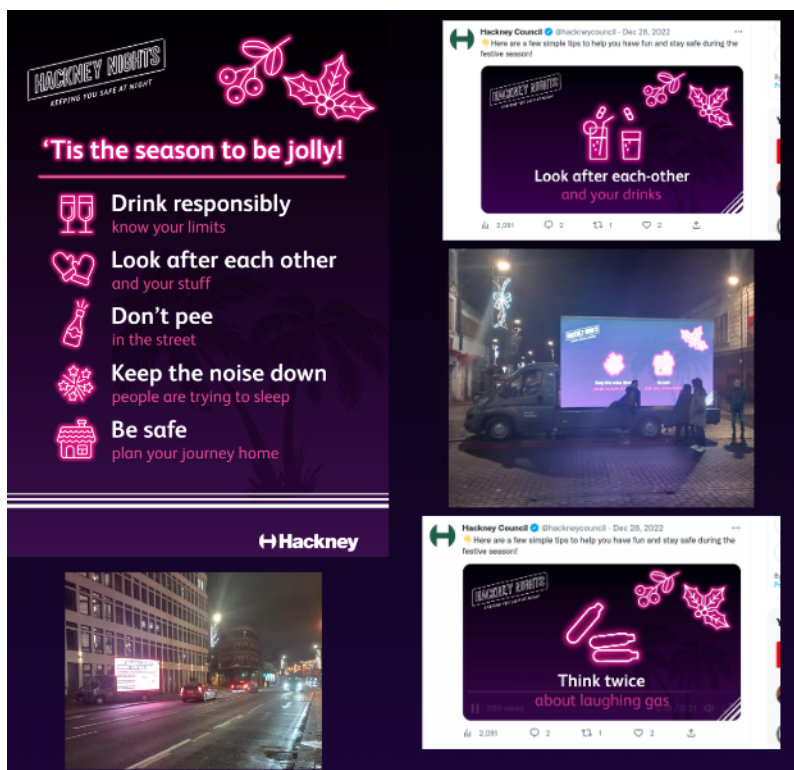
<u>Expenditure</u>	
CCTV Radio Link System for Venues	£4,320.00
Mobile Messaging Vehicle	£3,300.00
Policing	£23,251.57
Redeployable Camera Deployment and Maintenance Costs	£1,441.65
Media, Design, Advertising and Print	£1,574.05
Medical Provision (First Responders) <i>Please note this includes additional provision on Thursdays during the Month of December and special periods.</i>	£19,121.00
Training costs	£665.00
Total YTD Expenditure	£53,673.27

3. Training, Crime Prevention and Engagement

- 3.1 A special pubwatch / WAVE (welfare and vulnerability engagement) training was held with partners in November prior to the World Cup and was our largest yet with over 120 attendees. The session was an expanded version of the previous WAVE program and also gave additional insights on how to spot fake IDs as we had witnessed a rise in underage persons trying to use these to gain access to premises. The sessions also covered vulnerability, drink spiking and security measures. This was also in anticipation of the festive season. We held another session in December with 50 attendees, however, there was no session in January as most hospitality staff take the first weeks of the year off after New Year's Eve.
- 3.2 A new revamped and updated program of WAVE training conducted in partnership with the Police and Tower Hamlets has been confirmed until March 2024 and will be held monthly at no cost to the licensed premises. The

sessions cover vulnerability, welfare, venue management, drink spiking, dispersals, alcohol awareness and there is an added portion around misogyny and harassment in the night time economy in order to ensure that all our night time spaces adopt a zero tolerance approach to any of these behaviours and report all incidents.

- 3.3 Our online training also peaked in November / December as many licensees opted in for distance learning for their staff, with over 325 courses completed in vulnerability. This format is by far the most practical for venues and we will be looking to expand our offering in 2023.
- 3.4 Hackney Nights contributed to the 16 days of action campaign against the elimination of violence against women and girls. We employed the mobile messaging vehicle as well as delivered specialist bystander training. We also conducted visits to premises and delivered posters as well as our gender based violence handbook to key areas.
- 3.4 We launched our festive safety campaign across the borough which saw the distribution of safety advice out in the public space as well as online via social media. We also distributed posters to venues and utilised privately owned screens in participation with certain venues.



- 3.5 Our winter newsletter was sent out and made available on the online portal. The edition contained a lot of crucial information and links to training. Unfortunately, due to Royal Mail strikes, we received a lot of undelivered post. We hope to improve this with the next newsletter which we are aiming to send

out by the second week of March to all late night levy premises as well as non-levy bars, pubs and clubs.

4. Hackney Nights Portal

- 4.1 We now have a total of 244 users on the Hackney Night Portal. The support officer has been visiting premises and doing live demonstrations as well as providing login information for new premises. We have posted safety information as well as additional resources on a regular basis.

5. Hackney Nights Accreditation Scheme

- 5.1 The accreditation applications took a dip during the festive season as many premises did not have the resources to dedicate to policy work and training therefore applications were stagnant for a period. We have seen an increase in applications in January, and currently have pending applications we are working through.
- 5.2 The team is currently drafting a plan with communications to better advertise the scheme to premises as well as the public. We are planning to promote those venues who have already become accredited in Hackney Today and our Spring Newsletter.
- 5.3 There are currently 50 total applications in the system. We can confirm that 9 of these applications have been successful, 19 of these applications are still pending, and we have refused 20 applications, for which they will have to wait a year to re-apply. We offer free 1:1 consultations for any premises that require guidance with the application.

6. Policing, Enforcement and Welfare

- 6.1 At the Late Night Levy Board meeting in October, the Police announced that resources would be reduced to 1 Inspector, 3 sergeants and 18 constables from January to March 2023. We are also in the process of renegotiating our contract.
- 6.2 Our medical assistance program saw an increased presence during the festive period with the added provision of Thursdays in December to assist with the busy Christmas party season. Overall from November to January there were 114 interventions, with 54 of these in December alone.
- 6.3 The late night levy funded an additional CCTV operator in the control room for the month of December to deal with an influx in calls and to closely monitor night time economy areas as well as the business radio channels.

- 6.4 The late night levy also funded additional enforcement officer patrols during the festive season, in order to increase our presence and resources to deal with ASB, Nitrous Oxide and other night time economy related nuisance.
- 6.5 We have had many positive interventions by venue and security staff which is a testament to the training levels we are seeing. There are many examples of bravery and quick thinking, including one incident where security staff detained a male carrying a knife. There was also an attempted kidnapping where security intervened and stopped an unknown male putting a drunk female into his car.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The Hackney Nights night time economy program is working well with an excellent partnership in place between Enforcement Officers, Medics and the Police. The World Cup, festive season and New Year's Eve was a great success without many incidents of note and that will be a testament to the venues and the hardworking partnership in place.
- 7.2 2022 has been the most successful year for nightlife training in the history of Hackney Nights. We saw over 1500 nightlife and security staff being trained both in person and online. We are confident that many incidents have been prevented altogether and we will continue to focus on prevention as a major area of priority for the team.
- 7.4 The accreditation scheme will also be a focus for the Hackney Nights project and ensuring we raise the profile of this one of a kind scheme.
- 7.5 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.