

Late Night Levy - Year 6 Q3 and Q4 Update (May to July and August to October 2023)

1. Year 6 Year To Date Income

1.1 Total receipts in Year 6 Q3 and Q4 amounted to £207,883.

2. Training, Crime Prevention and Engagement

2.1 A total of 410 nightlife and security staff were trained this half (compared to 150 in Q2).

2.2 We have added four new courses:

- Welfare training for LGBTQIA+ venues and staff.
- Gender Diversity online course, a session designed for all nightlife staff on educating on gender concepts and promoting inclusivity and equality.
- Alcohol and safety training for shops and off licences.
- Underage sales for shops and off licences.

2.3 The #DontCrosstheLine campaign was launched across the borough in partnership with the City of London and Tower Hamlets. The campaign was based on a consultation with young people around misogyny and sexual harassment in out night time spaces.

2.4 We employed the mobile messaging vehicle for the freshers period, distributing crucial safety advice.

2.5 We have introduced a new weekly electronic briefing that is sent out every Thursday, giving an overview of issues across the borough with crime prevention advice as well as events of note and special messages to licensed premises.

2.6 We held our first Hackney Nights welfare area, which saw Council and Police engage with the public. 200+ people interacted with the help point. We also experienced victims of crime coming to get help from officers, one of which led to an arrest.

3. Hackney Nights Portal

3.1 We now have a total of 490 (last half 461) users on the Hackney Night Portal. We have now reached 100% of all licensed bars, pubs and clubs which have been visited and added to the portal. We also maintain these databases and continuously cycle visits based on activity.

3.2 Engagement with shops and off licences has commenced and is ongoing.

3.3 We have made some improvements to the online portal with an improved user interface.

4. Hackney Nights Accreditation Scheme

4.1 We now have 26 (+5 last half) accredited venues. An updated map of the accredited venues is now available on the Hackney Nights page of the Hackney website. We have also accelerated our posting schedule and now share a portrait of each new accredited venue via social media.

5. Policing, Enforcement and Welfare

5.1 We had extra Police resources for the bank holidays with a full deployment on the bank holidays Sundays as well as additional resources for the freshers period.

5.2 We have seen a slight rise in medical interventions with our first responders. They have dealt with a total of 183 interventions in this 6 month period.

6. Hackney Nights Business Friendly Regulation Project

6.1 We have started funding out of hours officers on Fridays and Saturdays to deal with commercial noise complaints out of the Late Night Levy which represents about £30K annually.

6.2. We have successfully obtained £20K from the Greater London Authority to contribute to the Hackney Nights project which will aim to implement more business friendly licensing, planning and noise processes. Businesses will now have access to a noise and planning checker via the online portal as well as a complete licensing advice service.

6.3 There will be co-delivery with partners Music Venue Trust of a targeted workshop for businesses as well as 1:1 consultations around the environmental protection and planning aspects of the project

7. Conclusion

7.1 We have managed to reach 100% of all bars, pubs and clubs with our engagement strategy and have more than a 50% open rate with our weekly email which means information is more accessible to businesses than ever before.

7.2 The new noise project will be groundbreaking and act as a UK wide case study on how to make the regulatory processes simpler and more transparent to businesses.

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