

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

HELD AT 5.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2020

ONLINE 'VIRTUAL' MEETING - [HTTPS://TOWERHAMLETS.PUBLIC-I.TV/CORE/PORTAL/HOME](https://towerhamlets.public-i.tv/core/portal/home)

Members Present:

Councillor Ehtasham Haque (Chair)
Councillor Rajib Ahmed (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Faroque Ahmed
Councillor Sufia Alam
Councillor Shad Chowdhury
Councillor Peter Golds
Councillor Mohammed Ahabab Hossain
Councillor Eve McQuillan
Councillor Victoria Obaze
Councillor Mohammed Pappu
Councillor Leema Qureshi
Councillor Zenith Rahman
Councillor Gabriela Salva Macallan

Apologies

Councillor Shah Ameen
Councillor Dan Tomlinson

Officers Present:

Tom Lewis	– (Team Leader - Licensing Services)
Venky Ramakrishnan	– (Principal Enforcement Lawyer)
David Tolley	– (Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards)
Simmi Yesmin	– (Democratic Services)

1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest made.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2.1 Late Night Levy - Annual Review

Mr Tom Lewis, Team Leader – Licensing, introduced the report and outlined the Late Night Levy Annual Review for 2019/20 detailing the income received, the expenditures made and the initiatives funded by the levy.

It was noted that the total income received by the levy in Year 2 (2019/20) was £283,592, and the following initiatives were agreed by the Community Safety Partnership;

- Additional police officers on patrol between 11pm to 3am
- Street pastors
- Officer to manager the scheme
- Additional street cleaning
- Purchase of four big belly bins
- Portable urinal placed in the borough during the evening and night

Mr Lewis explained that the total expenditure on the initiatives was £211,143 taking a surplus of £86,658 into Year 3. It was further noted that they were in the process of a contract for additional street pastors which would be costing £83,500 and a contract for two portable toilets for the value of £100,000 and that neither of these had been included in the spend for Year 2 and would be accounted for in the expenditures in Year 3. The roles and outcomes of the current levy initiatives were highlighted and the benefits of the levy were noted.

In response to questions from Members the following was agreed;

- Officers to continue to work with the Metropolitan Police to explore the possibility of employing more Police Officers.
- Officers to explore options for more portable toilets to be placed around other parts of the borough.

The Committee welcomed the report and noted the good work following from the late night levy.

The Chair moved and it was **RESOLVED**;

1. The work achieved via the levy revenue, the income received and the expenditure made was noted.

The meeting ended at 5.45 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Ehtasham Haque
Licensing Committee