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Licensing	18th July 2011	
Subject: Olympic Preparedness for Licensed Premises in the City of London		Public
Report of: Town Clerk		For Information
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summary</u></p> <p>Preparations for the London 2012 are taking place across all organisations. This report provides a summary of the preparations taking place in the City to help licensees prepare for the Olympics 2012 in these areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police preparations • Safety Thirst • Business Continuity <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensing Committee to take note of report and its contents 		

Main Report

Background

1. There are approximately 750 licensed premises in the City of London, of which at least 350 are bars, pubs and clubs open to the general public.
2. There are considerable on-going efforts by the City of London Corporation, City of London Police and other organisations within the Safer City Partnership to liaise with the licensees running these premises to assist them in providing a safe environment for their customers and the wider community.
3. It is anticipated that the Olympics will increase the numbers attending our licensed premises and this report outlines the plans that are being developed to enable licensees to prepare for London 2012.

Olympic Preparedness for Licensed Premises: Police Plans

4. The first of a number of Pub Watch meetings was held 4 weeks ago where an update was given by the Force Intelligence Bureau on the planning of the Olympics to the Licensees. Police require details of all events booked around the Olympics, whether Olympic related or not, in order that resourcing can be planned. Further Pub Watch meetings are being planned to ensure that as many licensees as possible are engaged with the police in advance of the Olympics.
5. Cross borough licensing teams are meeting every 6-weeks leading up to the Olympics to share intelligence and suggestions that can assist the local licensing teams plan ahead for the events. It is attended by licensing officers from Islington, Tower Hamlets, Hackney and City of London. One of the main concerns raised at the last meeting was the issue of so called 'pop up' events that are established in disused buildings with little or no prior notice. The City Police and City of London Corporation officers are looking at ways to prevent venues being used, such as using LFB to check fire regulations at any empty buildings and liaising with the owners to ensure that appropriate security is in place
6. The Promoters forum was held last week where the Olympics was a key subject. Potential event promoters were informed about how the Olympics may affect their usual promotion in the City, for instance should their venue be hired out for corporate functions. They were also advised about the very strict restrictions concerning the use of Olympic branding, in any advertising for their events and the consequences of breaching them. In coming months the City police will continue to get the message across to the premises of the need to notify them as soon as possible of any new events and one of the ways to do this will be via a new Licensing page on the Police external Web page.

Olympic Preparedness: Safety Thirst Plans

7. Safety Thirst is an awards scheme for pubs and clubs in the City of London that has been running for 5 years. It aims to encourage premises to reach high standards in preventing crime and disorder and providing a safe environment. Up to 160 of the licensed premises in the City apply to join the scheme. It is a Safer City Partnership scheme jointly delivered by City of London Corporation, City of London Police, London Fire Brigade and the licensing trade.
8. The 2011/12 scheme will focus on Olympic-preparedness and to this end, the launch of the scheme has been delayed from September 2011 to January

2012. The launch will form part of a programme of activity to help the licensees develop their preparations for the Olympics.

9. The application and accreditation process enables partner organisations to assess and help provide guidance in the following areas:
- Staff numbers and training (for example how many and where staff should be deployed and the provision of first aid and conflict management training)
 - Staff protection (for example how to minimise violent attacks)
 - Design and management of premises (for example CCTV, toilet checks)
 - Drink and drug policies
 - Good neighbourhood issues (for example, monitoring outside of premises)
 - Closing time and transport
 - Security and door policies
 - Special events / promoted events
 - Fire safety

A programme of events are being planned around Safety Thirst. This year's scheme may include a special award for cleanliness outside of premises.

Olympic Preparedness: Business Continuity

The Contingency Planning unit of the Town Clerk's department is working closely with licensees to help them assess and manage the impact of potential disruption to their business throughout the Olympic period. The team will provide advice on such things as to how to manage transport disruption that may prevent staff from getting to and from work, the difficulty in identifying sufficient numbers of appropriately trained door staff and how to plan deliveries in areas affected by the Olympic Route Network.

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