

Appendix 1 - City of London Police - Late Night Levy spend 2015/16

1) Allocation of Funds and Governance

Between 1st October 2015 and 30th September 2016, the City of London Police (CoLP) received a total of £303,000 from the Late Night Levy. Use of this funding is considered at the monthly tasking meeting, chaired by the Commander of Operations or Chief Superintendent of Intelligence and Information, to ensure it meets the levy criteria and that funding is allocated appropriately against threat, harm and risk. All requested spend using funds from the Late Night Levy is presented as a case to the CoLP Force Tasking meeting as information and intelligence-led activity.

A new forum, the Late Night Levy Planning Meeting (LNLM), has been convened to meet quarterly to agree, plan and track Levy spend prior to bids being made, consisting of officers from the CoLP and Corporation Licensing Teams, the Chair of the Violent Crime problem solving group and Finance. The Chair is the Communities and Partnerships Superintendent and the inaugural meeting took place on 17th October with the second scheduled for January 2017.

2) Spend for 2015/16

a) Additional Licensing Officer

The levy has continued to fund an essential additional officer on attachment throughout the year for the police licensing team, at a cost of £55,000. This officer provides on-going resilience for the small team and is responsible for gathering and checking risk assessments for promoted events against intelligence systems, both in the City Police and the Metropolitan Police Service.

As a result, licensees are provided with the best information available for their events and can be warned about any particular issues identified in advance. Likewise, the force can ensure resources on duty are commensurate with any potential risks identified and are able to respond to issues connected with promoted events, where hundreds of people can be in attendance at one premise.

b) Christmas Campaign 2015

Experience and analysis show that December is the busiest period of the year for calls for police assistance to late night, alcohol related incidents. Licensees expect to experience a significant increase in footfall and trading during the lead up to Christmas and in support of this, the force ran a dedicated Christmas Campaign in December 2015, focused on preventing violent and acquisitive crime in and around licensed premises.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of the four weekends proceeding Christmas, additional resources from across the force were allocated at a cost of £95,000. This provided extra public order trained officers, licensing, investigative, response and patrol capacity, to cater for the expected increase in demand. The additional resources on duty ensured the force was able to respond to the increased demand and provide an increased preventative presence in and around licensed premises.

c) Licensing Operations

Dedicated licensing operations throughout the year have been funded by the levy, with scrutiny of each funding bid provided by the Force Tasking meeting. £60,000 has been spent on late night licensing operations, with deployments taking place at least on a monthly basis, usually around the City payday. The deployments comprise an enhanced Licensing Team who patrol premises and conduct detailed premises visits, promoting good governance throughout the NTE.

This unit of both uniformed police officers and specialist Licensing Officers also responds to incidents at premises, resulting in detailed scrutiny of what may have gone wrong. These deployments are supported by Project Servator officers, who are trained in specialist disruptive effects tactics. Project Servator's support to licensing deployments during this Levy period resulted in fifty arrests for possession with intent to supply cocaine, the seizure of twenty nine vehicles, £21,000 in cash and £33,000 of class A drugs (street value).

£2000 was spent on twenty four ‘alcoblow’ devices. These devices were delivered in time for the Christmas campaign 2015. These provide the busiest premises with a device for use at the door to accurately inform staff judgement as to an individual’s level of intoxication on entry.

£21,000 was agreed in February 2016 for an operation relating to evidence gathering and policing/control measures, with a particular focus on gang related activity.

£9000 was spent on additional police resources, to cover the period of “bankers’ bonuses” announcements. This period had been identified by the Force Intelligence Bureau as producing a spike of activity and issues previously because of the celebrations and increased trade at late night venues.

£6,000 was agreed and spent on reassurance patrols and enhanced policing around the LGBT venues within the City following the Orlando nightclub attack in June. £6000 was also spent on two deployments of public order officers to provide additional police resources for the NTE over the two May bank holiday weekends.

d) Christmas Campaign 2016

£135,000 was agreed by Force Tasking in advance of the end of the 2015/16 levy year to provide a very comprehensive policing plan, Operation Present, the Christmas Campaign for 2016. This operation ran for four weekends from late November until the weekdays leading up to Christmas and saw a variety of uniformed police resources and uniformed specialists deployed, (such as dog handlers and firearms officers) providing very significant enhanced policing of the NTE. These officers were supported by additional crime investigation, intelligence and custody assets to ensure a continued presence on the street.

Of particular note during the campaign was the success of the levy funded joint cycle patrols with an LAS paramedic throughout the night shifts. During recent Christmas campaigns we have found ambulance waiting times challenging and with increasing frequency found that police vehicles were either being tied up with taking people at risk to hospital themselves, or officers were waiting long periods of time with people on the street for an ambulance to arrive. This has had a considerable impact on availability of our resources, even when the Alcohol Recovery Centre was in place at Liverpool Street Station.

The LAS paramedic assigned to the City for these shifts assessed 90% of calls as alcohol related and together with the police officer medic from the City of London Police, they used experience and expertise to triage and use the most appropriate pathway for each patient. Outcomes ranged from friends and family coming to collect people from the scene, use of various cab services, St John's ambulances for some intoxicated and incapable patients and the few front line ambulances we had to use, were mostly for more severe injuries (not always connected with alcohol) or mental health patients. Total patients triaged during the campaign was 92, with 73 (79%) of the ambulances called for these being cancelled by the paramedic following triage.

Plan for future spend

The City of London Police has found funding from the levy a crucial factor in delivering these activities throughout the year and use of the fund for the next year was considered at the LNLPM in October 2016 and will be reviewed again in January 2017. Decisions from this meeting are shown below, although these will be subject to any changes in demand and approval by Force Tasking.

- Continuation of licensing operations and increased resources at peak times and in response to any late night issues arising
- Continued funding of an additional licensing officer
- Use of Project Servator officers to support late night licensing operations
- Delivery of a comprehensive Christmas Campaign in December 2016 (and planning ahead for the 2017 campaign)
- Joint paramedic and police patrols pilot during the Christmas campaign 2016
- Additional resources if required in the early hours of New Year's Day 2017
- Enhanced resources for May and Easter bank holidays to meet an expected increase in demand, due to promoted events held over these weekends
- Purchase and maintenance of CCTV vehicle/s to deter crime and anti-social behaviour stemming from the NTE and gather evidence following any incidents
- Implementation of Facewatch system

Table 1: City of London Police Actual and Allocated Spend Oct 2014 to March 2017

	Expenditure	Income
<u>Levy Year 1 (Oct 2014 - Sep 2015)</u>		<u>£000's</u>
Additional Officer	51	
Xmas 2014	76	
New Year's Eve 2014	9	
Licensing Operations (various)	45	
Total	181	294
<u>Levy Year 2 (Oct 2015 - Sep 2016)</u>		
Additional Officer	55	
Xmas 2015	95	
Licensing Operations (Various)	60	
Alcoblow devices	2	
Evidence Gathering	21	
Increased trade resources	9	
Reassurance Patrols	6	
Total	248	303
<u>Levy Part Year (Oct 2016 - Mar 2017)</u>		
Xmas 2016 (Allocated)	135	
Additional Officer (Allocated)	27	
Licensing Operations (Various) (Allocated)	10	
Total to date	172	90 (forecast)
Overall total to date	601	687