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Committee: Licensing Committee – For Information	Date: 5 February 2020
Subject: Police Licensing Report – Crimes at Licenced Premises	Public
Report of: T/Chief Superintendent Duffy	For Information
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Summary

This is a report from the City of London Police for the Licensing Committee to update on crimes committed linked to Licensed Premises from October - December 2020.

Recommendation(s)

- Note the report.

Main Report

Acquisitive Crime

Operation Tundra

Operation TUNDRA was set up in response to predominantly male offenders who are stealing bags from victims where they have been left unattended or out of sight (e.g. under tables). The target of the thefts is high value electrical items within (e.g. laptops) but there are occasions where bank cards taken have been used fraudulently. Public locations including bars, pubs and restaurants are key venues with offending occurring primarily between Monday to Friday from 1700 hours until 0100 hours.

The vast majority of victims are male (71%) with over half (56%) aged between 23-34 years. It is inferred a large proportion of victims are City workers who have work laptops in their possession when in licensed premises in order to work from home on Friday or at the weekend.

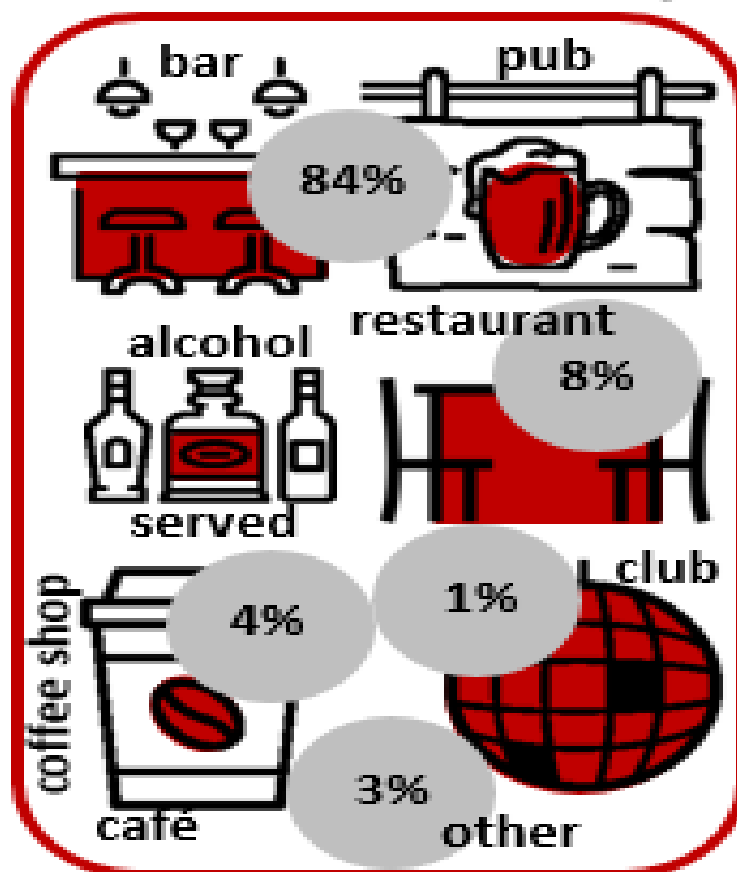
The offenders are targeting venues where alcohol is served and where there isn't a need to interact with staff at the venue; such as requiring to be seated at a restaurant or passing through security at a club. The offenders are specifically active within venues classified as *bars* and *pubs*. Victims will not always have their full attention focussed on the whereabouts of their possessions and groups of customers will leave them in piles or on the floor under tables when seated. The consumption of alcohol will also impact upon victim's awareness of the surroundings. So within these locations offenders are able to sit or stand and observe and identify bags to target. They will be able to move around unnoticed as it may look as if they are looking for someone or a seat, especially if the venue is busy. Offences occur across the whole of the City with no particular area/location specifically targeted. Under the protect strand *bag safety*

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hooks have been supplied to Communities by the Corporation and are being given to members of the public as well as being handed out at business forums and crime prevention hubs.

Repeat venues: Offences are opportunistic in nature and therefore repeat venues have relatively few offences recorded during the 12-month period January-January only two venues have an average of more than one offence per month.

High value electrical items with work laptops (especially Lenovo branded - where recorded) are the desired items. These along with other similar devices such as tablets and I-Pads and are stolen in 73% of offences. Other electrical items of note are headphones and earphones (Bose and AirPods) are also of note but to a lesser degree.



Current Position

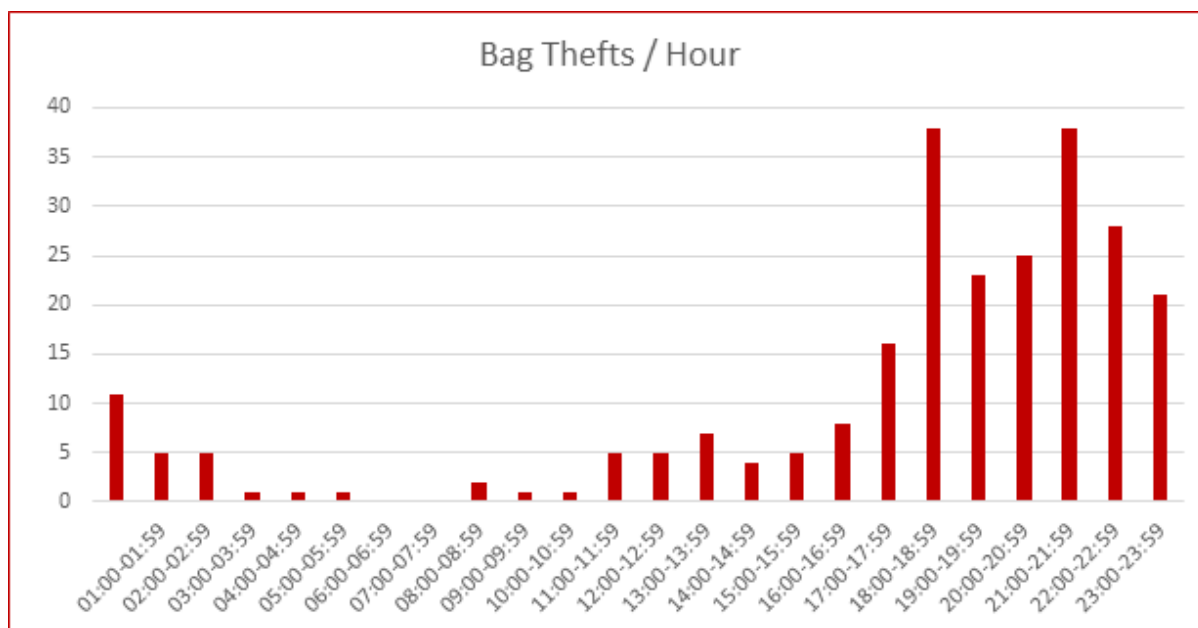


Row Labels	Count of Day
Mon	11
Tue	36
Wed	37
Thu	62
Fri	81
Sat	18
Sun	8

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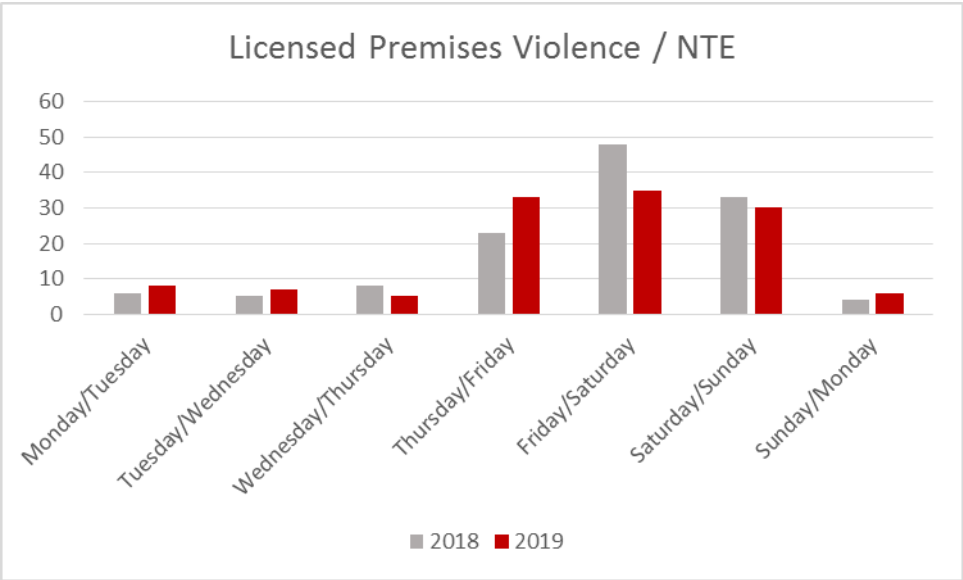
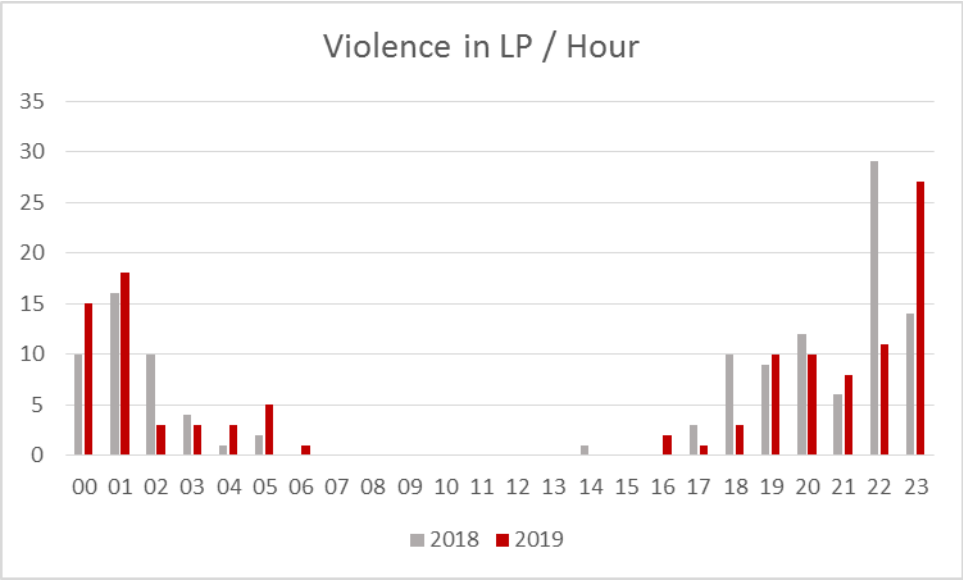
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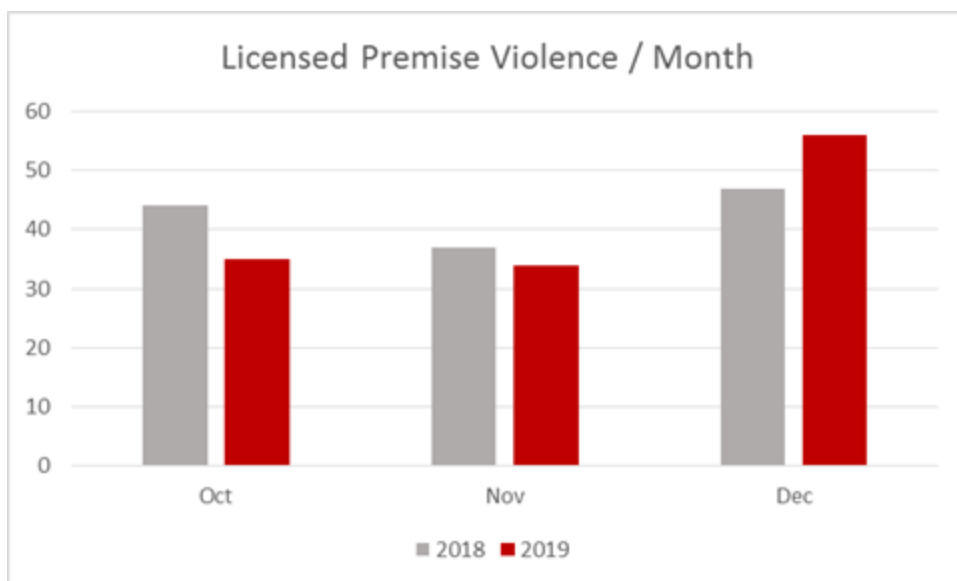


Bag Thefts - Venue Type										
	All Venue Types 2018	All Venue Types 2019	(Pub/Bar) 2018	(Pub/Bar) 2019	(Club) 2018	(Club) 2019	(Restaurant) 2018	(Restaurant) 2019	(Café/Coffee Shop) 2018	(Café/Coffee Shop) 2019
Oct	44	83	29	61	0	2	2	5	4	5
Nov	65	80	48	53	3	3	4	13	2	2
Dec	53	88	40	57	1	4	2	6	5	10

Property Type	Count
Bank Cards	58
Laptop	141
Headphones	44

Violent Crime



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Month	2018	2019
Oct	44	35
Nov	37	34
Dec	47	56

NTE	2018	2019
Monday/Tuesday	6	8
Tuesday/Wednesday	5	7
Wednesday/Thursday	8	5
Thursday/Friday	23	33
Friday/Saturday	48	35
Saturday/Sunday	33	30
Sunday/Monday	4	6

Hour	2018	2019
00	10	15
01	16	18
02	10	3
03	4	3
04	1	3
05	2	5
06	0	1
07	0	0
08	0	0
09	0	0
10	0	0

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11	0	0
12	0	0
13	0	0
14	1	0
15	0	0
16	0	2
17	3	1
18	10	3
19	9	10
20	12	10
21	6	8
22	29	11
23	14	27

Crime Type	2018	2019
Assault - S18 - GBH grievous bodily harm with intent	3	8
Assault - S20 - GBH Grievous bodily harm without intent	2	5
Assault - S39 - Common assault	44	48
Assault - S47 - AOABH assault occasioning actual bodily harm	63	40
Assault - S47 - AOABH assault occasioning actual bodily harm on a Constable	2	0
Assault or assault by beating of a constable	2	6
Cause administer poison with intent to injure / aggrieve / annoy	1	4
Racially / religiously aggravated assault occasioning ABH	2	1
Racially / religiously aggravated common assault	1	1
Racially / religiously aggravated harassment without violence	0	1
Robbery - Business	1	0
Robbery - Personal	1	0
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety (Malicious Comms Act)	0	1
Sex - Sexual assault on a female - SOA 2003	5	7
Stalking - Involving fear of violence	0	1
Threats to kill	1	2

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