

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHUMBRIA**

**Key Decisions**

**Title and Reference – PCC.301.2017**

**Late Night Levy Spend Review 2016/17 and Spend Proposal 2017/18**

**Report of T/Deputy Chief Constable Local Policing and Safeguarding**

**Summary**

The spend plan for 2016/17 was approved at Joint Business Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 and was based on a likely collection of £180,000. The final amount will be confirmed in December once all contributions have been collected. The City Council have advised that the final figure is still expected to be around £180,000.

**Recommendation**

To note the 2016/17 expenditure and approve the spend plan for 2017/18.

**Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner**

I hereby approve the recommendations above.

**Signature**



**Date 16/11/17**

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| <b>Joint Business Meeting</b>   | <b>16 November 2017</b> |
| <b>Late Night Levy Spend Review 2016/17 and Spend Proposal 2017/18</b>                  |                         |
| <b>Report of T/Deputy Chief Constable Darren Best (Local Policing and Safeguarding)</b> |                         |
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## **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Joint Business Meeting regarding use of the Late Night Levy spend for the year 2016/17 and provide the spend proposals for 2017/18.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To note the 2016/17 expenditure and approve the spend plan for 2017/18.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 In November 2013 Newcastle City Council became the first local authority in the country to introduce the Night Time Levy as permitted by Chapter 2 of Part 2 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 as a means of raising a contribution towards the cost of policing the late-night economy.
- 3.2 The sums received from the Levy (after deducting prescribed expenses) must be split between the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Council. The PCC is entitled to at least 70% of the proceeds.

## **3. NIGHT LEVY IN 2016/17** **USE OF LATE**

- 4.1 The spend plan for 2016/17 was approved at Joint Business Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 and was based on a likely collection of £180,000. The final amount will be confirmed in December once all contributions have been collected. The City Council have advised that the final figure is still expected to be around £180,000.

### **SIA Taxi marshals £38,000**

The eight SIA staff have provided a presence at three designated ranks for a six hour period on a Saturday nights. This function was previously performed by Police Officers on overtime. Presence at these key ranks on a weekend is considered to be significant in reducing most serious violence and in providing safeguarding opportunities for vulnerable females.

### **Street Pastors £20,000**

Joint working continues to be a key part of the safeguarding approach in the city.

### **CCTV to NCC £8,000**

This is a contribution towards the CCTV system employed by Newcastle City Council and gives Northumbria police remote access to over 70 NCC cameras.

### **Saf haven £25,600**

North East Ambulance Service, St Johns Ambulance and Northumbria Police resource a facility in the Big Market where people with minor injuries can attend for treatment. This reduces demand on the ambulance service and A & E departments at their busiest times and reduces need for Police Officers to provide first aid.

The Safehaven is used to address vulnerability issues where staff can safeguard individuals. A police officer is stationed at the Safe Haven for 8 hours on Friday and Saturday nights.

**Alcohol Reception     £20,000**

The expenditure represents a part funding of the alcohol reception facility provided by NEAS.

**NTE resourcing         £68,400**

An additional 4 Police Officers have been working on a Friday and Saturday nights for a period of six hours.

|                   | <u><b>2016/17 Levy Spend</b></u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Taxi Marshals     | £38,000                          |
| Street Pastors    | £20,000                          |
| CCTV              | £8,000                           |
| Safe Haven        | £25,600                          |
| Alcohol Reception | £20,000                          |
| NTE resourcing    | £68,400                          |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>£180,000</b>                  |

4.2 The total spend of £180,000 is fully in line with the plan agreed at JBM.

**4. BENEFITS**

5.1 Although there has been an overall increase in crime recorded in E6 (City Centre Area) from the previous period (+13%) this percentage rise is below that of the increase in recorded crime in the Force and Central Area Command. Alcohol related violent crime has fallen in the City Centre (-13%) with a reduction also experienced over the Friday to Sunday period (-4%). Incident reporting has reduced (-5%) along with reports of alcohol related anti-social behaviour (-8%) which is believed to reflect the increased police presence in the city centre and partnership initiatives to reduce vulnerability and tackle crime causers

5.2 Confidence in the policing and joint management of the city centre within the trade and businesses remains very high.

5.3 The Late Night Levy enables police and partners to work together to ensure that those people who come into the city centre are able to enjoy themselves in a safe and friendly environment.

5.4 Reassurance is provided by Police and partners engaging with individuals and groups enjoying the benefits of the city centre while also preventing incidents from occurring through high visibility patrols and early identification and intervention of potential issues by an appropriate resource.

5.5 The funding helps facilitate Police and partners to work together in identifying individuals who could be vulnerable for a variety of different reasons including

age, circumstances and intoxication and ensures that actions are implemented to reduce any risk associated with those people.

- 5.6 The dedicated night time economy staff reduces demand on Officers working in outlying areas and means that they do not have to repeatedly respond to calls within the city centre.
- 5.7 An evaluation into the effectiveness of the Levy was undertaken by Public Health in 2016. The report concluded that the inclusion of the Levy within the wider strategy employed by Newcastle’s licensing authority to increase the quality, diversity and culture offered in the city centre has been invaluable in tailoring licensing applications and fostering relationships with new, desirable operators.

**6. LATE NIGHT LEVY PROPOSALS FOR 2017/18**

- 6.1 For 2017/18, the City Council have advised that they are forecasting income from the levy unchanged from 2016/17, and therefore the 70% contribution to the PCC is estimated to be £180,000.
- 6.2 The proposals for this levy (2017/18) are as follows:

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| SIA Taxi Marshals   | £38,000         |
| Street Pastors      | £20,000         |
| CCTV to NCC         | £ 8,000         |
| Safe Haven staffing | £25,600         |
| Alcohol Reception   | £20,000         |
| NTE Resourcing      | £68,400         |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>£180,000</b> |

- 6.3 Alcohol Reception - £20,000 has been incorporated into the spend plan and represents a part funding of the alcohol reception facility provided by NEAS.
- 6.4 Saf haven staffing – equates to the cost of one officer, eight hour shift for two nights per week (Friday & Saturday).
- 6.5 Street Pastors – Joint working with the scheme continues to be a key part of the safeguarding approach in the city.
- 6.6 NTE resourcing equates to the cost of an average of 4 officers per night (Friday and Saturday) working a six hour shift.

**7. CONSIDERATIONS**

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| <b>Report Exemption</b>                        | Non-exempt           |
| <b>Consultation</b>                            | Finance, CDD and NCC |
| <b>Resource</b>                                | No                   |
| There are no resource implications.            |                      |
| <b>Equality</b>                                | No                   |
| An Equality Impact Assessment is not required. |                      |
| <b>Legal</b>                                   | No                   |
| There are no legal implications.               |                      |

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| <b>Risk</b>                    | No |
| There are no identified risks. |    |

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| <b>Communication</b>           | No |
| Communication is not required. |    |
| <b>Evaluation</b>              | No |
| An evaluation is not required. |    |