

Late night levy development around England & Wales updated January 2016:

Rejections of the LNL:-

- **Milton Keynes:** LNL rejected May 14 – mainly due to the level of funding it would have raised had it gone through. May look to consult again after the elections in May.
- **Tameside:** LNL rejected Dec 14 due to the economic climate and businesses financial difficulties – would reconsider if climate changed. 17/11 Tameside consists 8 different small towns in the Greater Manchester area. Due to the downturn in the economy and the fact that you are unable to zone with LNL, they decided not to implement the levy. They would only generate about £100k income which PCC confirmed would be in one pot, overseen by a board. If economy picks up, they may revisit.
- **Leeds:** Agreed not to pursue the introduction of the LNL in Dec 13, better to continue working with partners, including the licence trade and carry forward existing voluntary initiatives and support a BID. 18/11 confirmation that still not progressing with LNL and no plans to do so.
- **Woking:** Rejected Oct 13 – potential revenue would be insufficient to provide any real benefit to the town. 18/11 confirmation that still no intention to progressing with LNL and no plans to do so.
- **Bristol:** Agreed that the introduction of a BID in the city centre would be better than the LNL. LA confirmed March 15 that no current plans for the LNL and BID is currently progressing. It has been agreed that the introduction of a BID in the city centre would be better than the introduction of a LNL. There were discussions with both the Chief Police Officer and the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) to decide whether in the first instance it would be appropriate to introduce a LNL and the advice given was that it was not appropriate to introduce it. There are therefore no current plans for introducing a LNL. The general view taken is that a BID is a much better tool for directly involving local businesses and overcomes the financial implications of a LNL; to help decide how the money collected is spent and to allow the business community and the Council to work together to improve the local trading environment.
- **Portsmouth:** did some preliminary work with the Police on the likely revenue to be received if the late night levy were to be brought in and they were not satisfied that the actual revenue would justify bringing in such a scheme and could have a detrimental effect on their working relationship with licensed premises in terms of their support of various initiatives within the city on a voluntary basis (such as taxi marshalls, use of scan net systems). The matter was not considered formally by the Licensing Committee as members have not expressed a particular interest in bringing the levy into force so the decision whether to go further or not has only been formulated on an officer level.

On hold, ongoing or in consultation:-

- **Plymouth:** Consultation showed that the public were in favour of the LNL & trade against it. The Cabinet postponed the implementation of the LNL in favour of working with the trade to deal with the night time economy problems & getting a clearer view of the Government's intention to review the LA03. On 3 November, Plymouth started consultation which will finish on 4 December. The proposed Late Night Levy will apply to premises that are authorised to sell alcohol at any time between 01:00 and 06:00. The proposed exemptions are for premises with overnight accommodation, theatre and cinemas, bingo halls, amateur sports clubs, community premises, country village pubs, premises contributing to the BID and premises authorised to supply alcohol for consumption on the premises between midnight and 06:00hrs only on New Year's Eve/Day every year. There would also be a reduction for members of the business led Best Practice Scheme.
- **York:** Consultation in 2013 with a view to implement in April 14 but info obtained March 15 stated that they had put it on hold and were looking into a BID. **18/11 Confirmed that still no political interest but are currently setting up a BID**
- **Cheshire East:** At Licensing Committee in Jan 14 when asked to look at the LNL, they resolved to set up a Working Group consisting of members to look at options which may reduce the harmful effects of alcohol consumption in the area. **No further update 18 Nov 15.**
- **Lambeth:** LNL may be considered as part of the Licensing Policy review but no further update as of March 15.
- **Liverpool:** Consulting on the LNL September 15 to November 15. **18/11 Consultation closes 20 November. Officers meeting with consultant next week. Responses so far appear to be 50/50 so officer feels it is unlikely to be midnight – 0600 which was original recommendation; committee will decide.**

LNL's approved:-

- **Newcastle-upon-Tyne:** First authority to introduce - from Nov 13 (midnight-6am). The push was from the City Council but the PCC and Police were fully on board and supportive. Decision to introduce the levy was to maintain and enhance the safe night time economy (NTE) in and around Newcastle, whilst sharing and contributing to the cost, Police spending a lot of money policing the city centre and Council on cleansing and enforcement which was not sustainable. It was time consuming to introduce and employed a consultant solicitor and project officer for a year to deal with implementation. There is a 30% reduction for members of a business-led best practice scheme and all exemption classes as listed in Appendix 3. It is too soon to say there has been an improvement but some services would have been cut had it not been for the levy and if the levy had not been implemented then it would be highly expected that crime and disorder figures would be much higher in the city centre.

JD Wetherspoon has successfully appealed Newcastle City Council's refusal to vary the Premises Licences for 3 of its premises in the city, which variation had sought to introduce a condition removing authorisation to sell alcohol for the 'Late Night Levy period' whilst a Late Night Levy was in place.

The condition which was put on the licence after the appeal, was the condition originally requested by JD Wetherspoon on the variation, and allows the automatic resumption of the use of those hours should the Levy no longer be charged, without the need for a variation application to add the hours back onto the licence. JD Wetherspoon's must give 56 days' notice of its intention to resume the use of hours should it wish to do so.

- **City of London:** LNL came into force on 1st Oct 2014 and apply to all licensed premises which sell alcohol between midnight and 6am. There will be no exemptions, but a 30% discount will be granted to premises that have shown they operate at the standard required to achieve the City of London 'Safety Thirst' award which is given to pubs and clubs who make safety a priority. Approximately 18% of venues who would have been liable to pay the night time levy applied for a minor variation prior to implementation.
- **Chelmsford LNL-** LNL came into force on 1st Nov 2014 (hours – 1am-6am). PCC agreed to let Council keep 100% of the income otherwise they wouldn't have done it. Projects approved by the PCC but ultimately Council choice – going back into the NTE – finance ensure all done legitimately. There was no additional staff or help, relatively straightforward as long as follow legislation and guidance. Relevant exemption classes: New Years Eve (NYE), Theatres & Cinemas and hotels (guests only), no reduction schemes.

Main problems: start time from 1am which affected NYE exemption. Too early to notice any change but there is concern to ensure that money is spent across the whole borough and not just the city centre if not possibility of being Judicial Reviewed for not spending money fairly and appropriately. Levy funds have been used to set up a removable structure (triage/safe space) in the town centre and they are also thinking of offering borough wide training to staff, DPS, door staff etc working in the late night economy.

- **Southampton City Council:** Came into effect on 1st April 2015 (hours: 00:01 – 6am). Already had a good partnership approach to managing the NTE but there was a cost to maintain services. With all of the cuts the authority was going to struggle to maintain the funding for these initiatives. Consultation and implementation was rushed so allow plenty of time for this. Head of legal and Licensing Manager did most of the work, with a temp for one month to ID the premises liable for the levy, rest of the work absorbed by the team. Currently working on a Best Practice Scheme with the local Pub Watch to offer a 30% reduction from the levy for members. Trying to set up a group with key stakeholders such as police, PCC, trade and LA to discuss how the monies should be spent and this is then fed to the Safe City Partnership to decide. Have secured an agreement from PCC to invest the money into the NTE in the city. Officers from Southampton report that some premises have varied sale of alcohol to midnight but kept other licensable activities at later hours and so the premises remain open and are still causing problems.
- **Nottingham City Council:** Took effect from 1st November 2014 (time: midnight – 6am). No mention of reductions. Approximately 30% of premises

who would have been liable to pay the late night levy chose to make a minor variation prior to implementation.

- **Islington:** Took effect from 1st November 2014 (times: 00:01 – 6am). The Council has decided to grant a 30% reduction to members of our best Practice Scheme for Late Night Premises.
- **Camden:** Consulting on the LNL Feb 15 to May 15. Camden will restart their consultation on 12 October 2015. 18/11 consultation closed 9 November and will report to committee 7 December. 26/1/16 Full Council ratified the decision 25th January 2016 with the introduction of the Levy on the 25th April 2016. The only exemption which the Committee agreed is for premises which are only permitted to sell alcohol after midnight on New Year's Eve. They have also given a 30% discount to premises within the BID area and premises with a non-domestic rateable value of £12,000 or less.

Currently in LNL scheme but proposing to leave

- **Cheltenham:** Took effect from 1st April 2014 from midnight to 0600. The reason for implementing is the cost of policing and managing the NTE. No particular issues with the implementation apart from the increase in work including the free variations, there were no extra staff. They found a number of premises did not know (and expect) the LNL demand. This was because the manager/DPS is not the licence holder and because they corresponded with the licence holder, head office did not always disseminate the info down to the local setup. Only have the NYE exemption and a reduction for Best Bar None and pub watch. Too early to say if any change in the city centre environment.

A report in the Publican Morning Advertiser 1/2/16 reported that Cheltenham's late night levy is set to be scrapped after the scheme failed to raise the funds expected.

The city council introduced a levy in 2014 which required licensed premises operating between midnight and 6am to contribute towards improving and policing the late night economy but the scheme looks set to be replaced by a business improvement district (BID).

The council originally hoped 218 licensed premises would pay the levy but it only affected 123 due to venues changing hours and operators handing in their licences. As a result the council collected £76,889 in its first year which was less than half of the expected £199,000.

If the change is approved at a vote in April, the scheme would begin in August. In the first year, the sum paid in late night levies would be deducted from their BID charge. The levy would then be scrapped altogether from April 2017.

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1 According to solicitors Poppleston Allen, who are monitoring implementation, the current eight authorities administering a LNL are Chelmsford, Cheltenham, Camden, City of London, Islington, Newcastle, Nottingham City and Southampton. Camden Borough Council is the most recent adopter and is scheduled to approve a LNL on 25.1.16 with a view to implementation on 28.4.16 [following the statutory three months' notification to all relevant persons].

2 Responses to the first three questions below have been received from seven of the authorities and to question four from six of the authorities.

3 Responses to question two, regarding the formal consultation, are listed below. The Southampton consultation replicated that of Newcastle and is not detailed separately.

4 The responses demonstrate a range of approaches to question one, pre-formal consultation, with more uniformity in respect of questions two-four.

Some respondents stressed the importance - in order to attract cross sector support - of ensuring that the revenue expenditure plans were explicit from the outset, and that all of the revenue should be invested directly in improving the night time economy and not, for example, to cover the costs of administration.

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QUESTIONS

- 1 What process, if any – for example, meetings with businesses, focus groups – was conducted in advance of the formal consultation?
- 2 What questions were put in the formal consultation?
- 3 Is there a local agreement on how the LNL income is allocated and, if so, what is the distribution?
- 4 Are there restrictions on morning opening hours [EMROs] – for example, cafés that sell alcohol? If so, provide details.

Local Authority	Key points	Source and contact details
1: Chelmsford	<p>Q1: Pre-Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mainly Community Safety Partnership membership, led by Community Safety manager. - floated with Publink [radio based network: LA, Police, door staff of pubs and clubs] and Pub Watch. - overseen by One Chelmsford Board [overarching strategic partnership]. - an alternative voluntary agreement option was explored with the licensed trade, with an offer of a £500 per business voluntary donation [less than the average £768 subsequently applied under the LNL], but this was rejected. [There were no reductions in the levy from business-led best practice schemes]. <p>Q2: Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12 questions. See Appendix 1. <p>Q3: Income allocation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the PCC agreed to the LA receiving 100% of the income. <p>Q4: Early Morning Restriction Orders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - none. - "Chelmsford does not place restrictions on the opening hours of premises as standard practice under the licensing regime" 	<p>Matt Evans, Licensing Lead Officer.</p> <p>01245 606512</p> <p>matthew.evans@ chelmsford.gov.uk</p>
2: Cheltenham	<p>Q1: Pre-Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - initial views sought from the PCC and Chief Constable. - members of the Night Safe Scheme were "fully engaged on the progress of the levy". <p>Q2: Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 13 questions. See Appendix 1. <p>Q3: Income allocation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Memorandum of Understanding between Cheltenham Borough Council and the PCC i.e. no contractual relationship, with outcomes promoted: "through a partnership approach to the spending of revenue raised". A Late Night Levy Advisory Group was established for the purpose of making recommendations to the PCC and relevant Cabinet Member to inform the spending, to be focused on services aimed at reducing demand on policing and management of the night time economy. <p>Q4: Early Morning Restriction Orders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - [Response awaited]. 	<p>Louis Krog Licensing Team Leader.</p> <p>01242 264217</p> <p>louis.krog@ cheltenham.gcsx. gov.uk</p>

<p>3 London, Camden</p>	<p>Q1: Pre-Consultation - none</p> <p>Q2: Consultation - non-statutory consultation. 16 Questions. 182 responses. See Appendix 1. - statutory consultation. 19 Questions. 71 responses</p> <p>Q3: Income allocation - pending a final full Council decision on the LNL to be taken on 25.1.16 [for implementation on or after 25.4.16]. If approved, the LA will draft a local agreement with the Mayor's office for Policing and Crime [MOPAC] with a view to paying 100% of the net revenue to the police, on the understanding that it is retained for use in Camden. It is proposed that additional activities and services will be decided by the Community Safety Partnership Board, who will also allocate the funds.</p> <p>Q4: Early Morning Restriction Orders - none.</p>	<p>David Curtis, Senior Licensing Officer.</p> <p>0207 974 2744</p> <p>david.curtis@ camden.gov.uk</p>
<p>4 London, City of</p>	<p>Q1: Pre-Consultation - [Response awaited].</p> <p>Q2: Consultation - 10 questions. See Appendix 1.</p> <p>Q3: Income allocation - [Response awaited].</p> <p>Q4: Early Morning Restriction Orders - [Response awaited].</p>	<p>Peter Davenport, Licensing Manager.</p> <p>0207 606 3030</p> <p>peter.davenport@ cityoflondon.gov.uk</p>
<p>5 London, Islington</p>	<p>Q1: Pre-Consultation - built on previous Licensing Policy consultations and history of engagement with the licensed trade. - utilisation of an extensive Pubwatch network</p> <p>Q2: consultation - 10 questions. See Appendix 1. - based on Cheltenham and Newcastle.</p> <p>Q3: Income allocation - pooled LA and Police revenue agreed from outset. - revenue to fund additional uniformed patrols. - financial oversight via a Late Night Levy Board [LA, police and Licensed Trade].</p>	<p>Janice Gibbons, Service Manager.</p> <p>0207 527 3212</p> <p>janice.gibbons@ islington.gov.uk</p>

	<p>Q4: Early Morning Restriction Orders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no restrictions on opening hours, but they may be included in the next Licensing Policy in 2017-18 - “currently deal with opening hours on a case by case basis, with the Licensing Authority taking a proactive approach in Cumulative Impact Policy areas, which cover all main roads and shopping areas, with a particularly robust approach to off licences and restaurants/cafes in the late night economy areas”. 	
6. Newcastle	<p>Q1: Pre-Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a Licensing Advisory Panel was set up to oversee the process. Membership of the Panel comprised: Business Improvement District leads; LA senior officers and legal advisor; licensed trade representatives; and project officer. <p>Q2: Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 21 questions. See Appendix 1. <p>Q3: Income allocation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Licensing Advisory Panel agreed on a PCC 70% and 30% LA allocation. - there has been no subsequent consultation on amending this allocation. <p>Q4: Early Morning Restriction Orders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “there are no restrictions on opening hours as they are not required by the Licensing Act. There are some venues which open at 700a.m. for breakfasts etc., but they do not start licensable activities until the time stipulated on the licence...for the sale of alcohol”. 	<p>Christine Knox, Community Safety Officer.</p> <p>0191 227 7831</p> <p>christine.knox@ newcastle.gov.uk</p>
7 Nottingham City	<p>Q1: Pre-Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Once the consultation had been published, road shows, including local presentations to the licensing trade, Councillors and other interested parties. <p>Q2: Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11 questions. See Appendix 1. <p>Q3: Income allocation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The revenue, net of the administration costs incurred by the Licensing Authority, to be allocated 30/70 between the Licensing Authority and the Police. - The Licensing Authority’s portion of the funding to be used throughout the City to support the prevention of crime and disorder caused by the night time economy during the hours of the levy. This will be achieved through the establishment of two night time Community Protection Officer posts. - there has been no subsequent consultation on amending this allocation. <p>Q4: Early Morning Restriction Orders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - none 	<p>Angela Rawson, Licensing Manager.</p> <p>0115 915 6571</p> <p>angela.rawson@ nottinghamcity.gov. uk</p>

<p>8 Southampton</p>	<p>Q1: Pre-Consultation - a meeting between a senior member of the office of the PCC, a local Police Superintendent and the Head of Legal Services at Southampton CC agreed a LNL should be considered.</p> <p>Q2: Consultation - 21 questions [as for Newcastle]. See Appendix 1.</p> <p>Q3: Income allocation - PCC agreement that 100% of the revenue be invested in the night time economy. - a Late Night Levy Board [including licensed trade representatives] recommends funding allocations. Ultimate approval is via the LA, PCC and Police.</p> <p>Q4: Early Morning Restriction Orders - none - Licensing Manager: "suggest it would be unlawful to have such a blanket policy. Each application needs to be considered on its own merits. It is not mentioned in the Statement of Licensing Policy"</p>	<p>Phil Bates, Licensing Manager.</p> <p>0238 083 3523</p> <p>phil.bates@ southampton.gov.uk</p>
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LNL Formal Consultation Questions

1 Chelmsford CC

- 1 In what capacity are you responding?
- 2 What are the key issues you feel the Council and its partners should be addressing to improve the late night economy for everyone in the city?
- 3 If you are responding as a Chelmsford resident, do you currently use the city centre in the evening/at night?
- 4 As a Chelmsford resident, do you use licensed premises outside of the city centre, but still within Chelmsford, that are open after midnight?
- 5 Would you support the introduction of a late night levy in Chelmsford where the income generated is focused on addressing the impact of alcohol on the late night economy?
- 6 The late night supply period proposed by the Council is between 1.00a.m and 6.00a.m. Do you think this is the right period to address issues in the city?
 - a. If no, what do you believe the late night supply period should be?
 - b. What are your reasons for preferring the option you selected?
- 7 A number of premises types would be exempt from paying the levy. Do you agree with these categories? What are your reasons?
- 8 The Council has not proposed to introduce any reductions from business-led best practice schemes. Do you agree with this proposal?
 - a. Do you have any ideas which would help us implement best practice across the sector?
- 9 The Council has not proposed to introduce any reductions for premises in receipt of small business rate relief. Do you agree with this proposal? What are your reasons?
- 10 If you are a premises licence or club certificate holder are you likely to be subject to the levy?
- 11 The amount of the levy has been set nationally and the majority of licensed premises in Chelmsford would be classed as Band B. This would be a charge of £15 per week. Do you feel this is a reasonable amount?

12 If a levy is introduced how do you think it could best be spent?

2 Cheltenham BC

1 Are you in support of the Late Night Levy being introduced in Cheltenham?

2 Do you agree that the late night supply period should be set between 00.01 and 08.00?

3 The Council has proposed not to exempt any premises from liability to pay the levy. Do you agree that the Council should not exempt any premises?

4 It is proposed that premises actively participating in the local Nightsafe and Best Bar None schemes be eligible for the prescribed 30% reduction. Do you agree that the two previously mentioned schemes should be eligible for a reduction in the levy?

5 It is not proposed that businesses in receipt of small business rate relief be eligible for a reduction of the levy. Do you agree with this?

6 Are there any other qualifying business-led best practice schemes that should be in receipt of the 30% reduction?

7 It is proposed that in order to use the levy in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, rather than see the levy revenue split between two separate programmes, that agreement be reached with the Police and Crime Commissioner to develop a single programme delivered in partnership between the Council and the Police in line with guidance. Do you support this?

8 Do you agree that income from the levy be split 30:70 between the local authority and PCC?

9 Do you think the PCC should receive a larger split than 70% of levy revenue?

10 The Council is proposing to develop a range of activities on which to spend its portion of the levy income which will be provided. Do you have any comments on the above range of activities?

11 Do you have any suggestions on how the Council could spend its portion of the levy?

12 Do you agree that the Council should seek to implement the levy on the 1st April 2014?

13 Do you have any other comments to make regarding the proposed levy?

3 LB Camden

1 Would you support the introduction of a late night levy in Camden where the income generated is focused on reducing and preventing crime, anti-social behaviour and nuisance related to the late night supply of alcohol?

2 Camden will work in partnership with the Police to find the best ways to invest the levy receipts in solutions for managing the Camden night time economy. Please tell us here about your preferences or recommendations for how the police and council should spend the levy.

3 If you answered no to Question 1 (if you do not support the introduction of a late night levy), what do you think is the best way to pay for the work to tackle alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour?

4 What are the key issues you feel the council and its partners should be addressing to improve the late night economy for Camden?

5 Do you have any comments on the potential income that the levy may raise?

6 We are proposing to introduce the late night levy for premises that supply alcohol between midnight and 6am. Do you think that this is the right time period for us to focus on?

7 If you think midnight to 6am is not the right time period for us to focus on, which of these do you prefer?

8 Certain licences can be exempted from paying the levy. We are not proposing to make any exemptions, with one exception: an exemption is proposed to apply if the only time that a licence authorises alcohol sales for consumption on the premises is between midnight and 6am on New Year's Day each year. Do you agree?

- 9 Do you think there should be exemptions for particular types of premises?
- 10 The council has not proposed to introduce any reductions in the late night levy contributions for business which have signed up for best practice schemes. Do you agree?
- 11 The council has not proposed to introduce any reductions for premises in receipt of small business rate relief. Do you agree with this proposal?
- 12 Do you support the proposal for the police and council to deliver a single programme for how the levy should be spent?
- 13 If you answered no to Question 12, how would you prefer the police and council to spend their portions of the levy?
- 14 If you are a business licensed for the supply of alcohol after midnight, are you likely to reduce your licensed hours so that you are not liable for the levy?
- 15 Have you any other comments regarding the introduction of the levy, or about the indicative commencement between autumn 2015 and spring 2016?
- 16 We want to get as many views as possible so please let us know in what capacity you are responding.

4 City of London

- 1 a) Do you agree that a late night levy should be introduced in the City of London? (b) If not, please give your reasons.
- 2 It is proposed that the Levy should be introduced for those premises who supply alcohol between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m.
- a) Do you agree that if a levy was to be introduced it should operate between these times?
- b) If not, during what time period do you think the levy should operate and why?
- 3 It is proposed that no premises should be exempted from paying the Levy.
- a) Do you agree that there should be no exemptions?
- b) If not, which of the following types of premises do you think should be exempted? Please give your reasons.
- 4 It is proposed that premises meeting the necessary 'small business rate relief' criteria should not be entitled to a reduction in Levy.
- a) Do you agree that such premises should not receive a reduction? (b) If not, please give your reasons.
- 5 It is proposed that those premises meeting the requirements of the Safety Thirst Award Scheme should be entitled to a 30% reduction in their Levy payment.
- a) Do you agree that such premises should receive a 30% reduction? (b) Please give your reasons.
- 6 It is proposed that the income raised from the Levy should be divided between the Local Authority and the City of London Police with 30% going to the Local Authority and 70% to the Police.
- a) Do you agree that the net revenue from the levy should be split in this way? (b) If not, please give your reasons for this and the split you feel would be more appropriate (Please remember that the Police cannot receive less than 70%).
- 7 It is proposed that that income from the Levy received by the Local Authority will be spent in accordance with paragraphs 5.10 and 5.11 of this document.
- a) Do you agree with the way in which the Local Authority will spend their portion of the levy?
- b) If not, please give your reasons below and any suggestions you have for ways in which the money can be spent (please remember that the money can only be spent on those areas described in paragraph 5.3 of this document).
- 8 a) Do you agree with the way in which the Police will spend their portion of the Levy?
- b) If not, please give your reasons, giving examples where possible of how you think the money would be better spent.
- 9 Have you any other comments to make regarding the introduction of a Late Night Levy?
- 10 Could you please indicate below the capacity in which you are making your comments?

5 LB Islington

- 1 What are the key issues you feel the council and its partners should be addressing to improve the late night economy for Islington?
- 2 If you are an Islington resident do you currently use licensed premises in the evening/at night?
- 3 Would you support the introduction of a late night levy in Islington where the income generated is focused on reducing and preventing crime, anti-social behaviour and nuisance related to the late night supply of alcohol?
 - a. If you answered no, what do you think is the best way to pay for the work to tackle alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour?
- 4 We are proposing to introduce the late night levy for premises that supply alcohol between midnight to 6am. Do you think that this is the right time period for us to focus on? If no, which times do you prefer?
- 5 Certain types of premises can be exempted from paying the levy. We are proposing to exempt premises if the only time that they are licensed to sell alcohol to be consumed on their premises is between midnight and 6am on New Year's Day each year. Do you agree?
 - a. Please select any other premises that you think should be exempt below, or indicate if you support no further exemptions.
- 6 The council has not proposed to introduce any reductions in the late night levy contributions for business which have signed up for best practice schemes such as Purple Flag and Best Bar None. Do you agree?
 - a. If no, what percentage reduction should we give (to a maximum of 30%)?
- 7 Do you agree with the way in which the police and council intend to spend the levy?
 - a. If no, how would you prefer the money to be spent?
- 8 Do you support the proposal for the police and council to deliver a single programme for how the levy should be spent?
 - a. If no, how would you prefer the police and council to spend their portions of the levy?
- 9 If you are a business, are you likely to reduce your licensed hours so that you are not liable for the levy?
- 10 Have you any other comments to make regarding the introduction of the levy?

6 Newcastle CC

1 Costs

- (a) Do you agree that the costs of policing and other arrangements for the reduction or prevention of crime and disorder in connection with the late-night supply of alcohol are a fair assessment?
- (b) Do you think that any of the costs ought not to be taken into account?
- (c) Do you think that there are other costs that should be taken into account?

2 Crime and Disorder

- (a) Do you agree with the assessment of crime and disorder in connection with the late-night supply of alcohol?
- (b) Do you think anything has been left out?
- (c) Do you think that anything mentioned should not be taken into account?

3 Benefits of a Night Time Economy

- (a) Do you agree with the assessment of the benefits of the Night Time Economy in the City?
- (b) Do you think there are any other benefits?
- (c) Do you think that any benefits mentioned are not relevant?

4 Income from the Late Night Levy

- (a) Do you have any comments on the potential income that the levy may raise?

5 Need to raise revenue

- (a) Do you agree that there is a need to raise the revenue that a levy may produce?
- (b) Are there any other issues that you would like the Council to consider?

6 Desirability of the late Night Levy

- (a) Do you agree that it is desirable to raise the revenue through a levy to be used by the police and the Council?
- (b) Have you any comments on the considerations expressed in section 4?
- (c) Are there any other matters which you think that the Council should take into account in deciding whether it is desirable to introduce a levy?

7 Late night supply period

- (a) Do you agree that the Late Night Supply Period should be a period that begins at midnight and ends at 6am? What are your reasons for this?
- (b) If you think that the Late Night Supply Period should be for a different period, what should be the hours? What are your reasons for this?

8 Exemptions: overnight accommodation

- (a) Do you agree that prescribed premises providing overnight accommodation should be exempt? Please explain your views.

9 Exemptions: theatres

- (a) Do you agree that prescribed theatres should be exempt? Please explain your views.

10 Exemptions: cinemas

- (a) Do you agree that prescribed cinemas should be exempt? Please explain your views.

11 Exemptions: Bingo Halls

- (a) Do you agree that prescribed bingo halls should be exempt? Please explain your views.

12 Exemptions: Community Amateur Sports Clubs

- (a) Do you agree that prescribed Community Amateur Sports Clubs should be exempt? Please explain your views.

13 Exemptions: Community Premises

- (a) Do you agree that prescribed Community Premises should be exempt? Please explain your views.

14 Exemptions: Country Village Pubs

- (a) Do you agree that prescribed Country Village Pubs should NOT be exempt? Please explain your views.

15 Exemptions: Business Improvement Districts

- (a) Do you agree that prescribed BID premises should NOT be exempt? Please explain your views

16 Exemptions: New Years' Day

Do you agree that premises that only operate on New Year's Day between midnight and 6am should be exempt? Please explain your views.

17 Reductions: Small Business Rate Relief

Do you agree that prescribed premises that receive Small Business Rate Relief should NOT be entitled to a reduction in the levy? Please explain your views.

18 Reductions: Business-led Best Practice Schemes.

- (a) Do you agree that at this time members of Business-Led Best Practice Schemes should NOT be entitled to a reduction? Please explain your views.
- (b) Do you agree that such a scheme should be developed? If so, what should be the details? How can it be developed? How will it be led?
- (c) If such a scheme were to be developed, do you agree that members should be entitled to a discount?

19 Split Levy between Police and Council

Do you agree that the net revenue from the levy should be split 70:30 between the Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner and the Council? Please explain your views.

- (b) If you think that the Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner should receive a larger (than 70%) proportion of the net revenue, please state what percentage you propose? [NB. It is not possible to reduce the proportion to below 70%.] Please explain your views.

20. Use of the revenue.

(a) Do you have any comments on the range of activities which the Council would wish to develop using its share of the levy revenue? Is there anything else that you would like to see? Please explain your views.

(b) Would you support developing a single programme delivered in partnership between the Council and the Police? What would you like it to cover? Please explain your views.

21 Implementation date and Timetable.

(a) Do you agree that the Council should seek to implement the LNL on 1st November 2013? Please explain your views.

(b) If you think that the LNL should be implemented on a different date, what date do you propose? Please explain your views.

(c) Have you any other comments on the proposed timetable? Please explain your views.

7 Nottingham CC

1 In what role are you responding to this consultation?

2 If you are not responding as an individual, what is the name of the business or organisation you are representing?

3 Do you think that crime and disorder linked to late-night alcohol sales is a problem in Nottingham?

4 The Council has the power to introduce a charge to all licence holders authorised to sell alcohol late at night (known as a Late Night Levy), to raise a contribution towards the costs of late night policing, and is proposing to use this power.

Do you agree or disagree that Nottingham City Council should introduce a Late Night Levy? Please explain your answer.

5 The Council is proposing that the Late Night Levy should apply to premises licensed to sell alcohol between one minute past midnight and 6am. Do you agree or disagree with this proposal? Why do you agree or disagree? If you disagree, what alternative suggestions do you have?

6 The Council is able to exempt some types of premises from paying a Late Night Levy. Which of the following, if any, do you think should be exempt?

7 Legislation also allows the Council to offer two types of premises a 30% discount on the levy. Do you think that either or both of the following should receive a discount?

a) Small premises who are eligible for business rate relief. (b) Premises who are active members of a best practice scheme working to reduce alcohol related crime and disorder. (The Council has proposed the Business Improvement District is a suitable best practice scheme).

8 The Council is proposing that the amount raised from the Late Night Levy should be split so 70% goes to the Police and 30% to the Council. Do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

9 If you think the Police should receive more than 70% of the amount raised, what percentage do you think they should receive and why? (It is not possible to reduce the Police's share below 70%)

10 The Council is proposing to use its share of funds raised from the Late Night Levy to employ additional Community Protection Officers (CPOs). These CPOs will work across Nottingham to support the prevention of late night crime and disorder. Do you agree or disagree with this proposal? Why do you agree or disagree? If you disagree, what alternative suggestions do you have?

11 Do you have any other comments about the Late Night Levy proposals?

8 Southampton CC

Identical to Newcastle CC

