

Late night levy – Public Consultation

We are consulting on the introduction of a late night levy in Islington. The late night levy is an annual charge payable by licensed premises open between midnight and 6am as a contribution towards the cost of late-night policing and clean-up.

Please take a few minutes to give us your feedback and suggestions before the closing date of **31 January 2014**. This will be taken into consideration before a final decision is made on whether to introduce the levy. **Additional information has been added to the consultation document and if you responded before 3rd December 2013 you may wish to comment again.**

The survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete. It is recommended that you read the consultation document in full at www.islington.gov.uk/latenightlevy before completing it. There is also an online version of this form available on our website.

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

Crime and anti-social behaviour ☐

Noise ☐

Litter and waste ☐

Other (please specify) _____

2. If you are an Islington resident do you currently use licensed premises in the evening/at night? Tick all that apply.

Yes - early evening only (5-7pm) ☐

Yes - evening (7pm-midnight) ☐

Yes - late night (midnight-6am) ☐

No ☐

I am not an Islington resident ☐

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?

Yes ☐

No ☐

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?

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

5. 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?

Yes ☐

No ☐

a. If no, which of these do you prefer?

1am - 6am ☐

2am - 6am ☐

3am - 6am ☐

4am - 6am ☐

5am - 6am ☐

Other (please specify) _____

6. 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?

Yes ☐

No ☐

a. Please select any other premises that you think should be exempt below, or indicate if you support no further exemptions.

Premises with overnight accommodation ☐

Theatres ☐

Cinemas ☐

Bingo Halls ☐

Registered community amateur sports clubs ☐

Community premises ☐

Businesses in Angel Business Improvement District (BID) area ☐
No exemptions ☐

If you have any comments on this please tell us here.

- 7. 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?**

Yes ☐
No ☐
No preference ☐

If you have any comments on this please tell us here.

- 8. The council has not proposed to introduce any reductions for premises in receipt of small business rate relief. Do you agree with this proposal?**

Yes ☐
No ☐
No preference ☐

If you have any comments on this please tell us here.

- 9. Do you agree with the way in which the police and council intend to spend the levy?**

NB We are proposing to use the funds to pay for an additional uniformed presence on the streets at weekends, provide additional policing to support operations targeting crime and disorder, introduce a night-time safe haven scheme, provide outreach services to vulnerable individuals and clean the streets of litter and graffiti.

Yes ☐
No ☐

- a. If no, how would you prefer the money to be spent?**

10. Do you agree that the proposed 70% / 30% allocation of the levy between the police and council is correct?

NB the police must be given at least 70%.

Yes ☐

No ☐

If no, please state what percentage you believe should be allocated to the police

11. Do you support the proposal for the police and council to deliver a single programme for how the levy should be spent?

Yes ☐

No ☐

a. If no, how would you prefer the police and council to spend their portions of the levy?

12. If you are a business, are you likely to reduce your licensed hours so that you are not liable for the levy?

Yes ☐

No ☐

13. Have you any other comments to make regarding the introduction of the levy or the proposed start date of 1 June 2014?

About you

We want to get as many views as possible so please let us know in what capacity you are responding, together with your postcode if you are a business, resident or visitor.

A premises licence holder ☐ Postcode _____

A club premises certificate holder ☐ Postcode _____

Other business ☐ Postcode _____

Trade or other business organisation ☐

A Ward Councillor ☐

An Islington resident ☐ Postcode _____

A visitor ☐ Postcode _____

A responsible authority

Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)

Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC)

Other (please specify) _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Once complete please return it to:

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If you have any questions about the consultation, you can contact the Licensing Team on 020 7527 3031 or email latenightlevy@islington.gov.uk.