

## EAST HERTS COUNCIL

### LICENSING COMMITTEE – 1 NOVEMBER 2012

#### REPORT BY DIRECTOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES:

#### 10. REVENUE FORECAST IF THE LATE NIGHT LEVY WERE TO BE INTRODUCED IN EAST HERTS

WARD(S) AFFECTED:      ALL

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#### **Purpose/Summary of Report**

- To inform Members about possible additional revenue that might be raised from implementing the Late Night Levy.

<b><u>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSING COMMITTEE: That:</u></b>	
(A)	Subject to the comments of the Licensing Committee, the draft response to consultation in respect of the Late Night Levy be approved.

#### 1.0 Background

1.1 The Late Night Levy allows Licensing Authorities to raise additional revenue by imposing a Late Night Levy on alcohol licensed premises that are open for the supply of alcohol after midnight. Licensing Authorities may retain up to 30% of the revenue to be spent on:

- the reduction or prevention of crime and disorder,
- the promotion of public safety,
- the reduction or prevention of public nuisance,
- the cleaning of any relevant highway or relevant land in its area.

1.2 The other 70% of the revenue must be remitted to the Police Service, and there is no limitations on the uses to which the Police Authority may apply the revenue.

1.3 An assessment has been conducted of the number of premises that currently open after midnight, by Band, ignoring those that are only open later than midnight on New Years Eve.

## 2.0 Report

- 2.1 Data has been analysed to ascertain the potential revenue from premises opening after midnight, after 1 a.m., and after 2 a.m.
- 2.2 Data is set out on the table in Essential Reference Paper B.
- 2.3 It should be noted that if the Late Night Levy is introduced, every premises affected will have the opportunity to make an application at nil cost to vary their licensed hours, so as to take them outside the liability to pay the Levy.
- 2.4 There may be a number of premises included in the assessment of potential revenue that rarely open after midnight, even though licensed to do so, and it is therefore possible that the reported available revenue will be significantly smaller if the Late Night Levy is implemented.

## 3.0 Implications/Consultations

- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

### Background papers:

The Late Night Levy (Application and Administration) Regulations may be read online; <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2012/9780111526309>

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