

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

LATE NIGHT LEVY

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE A LATE NIGHT LEVY IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, Chapter 2 of Part 2 The Late Night Levy (Application and Administration) Regulations 2012 The Late Night Levy (Expenses, Exemptions and Reductions) Regulations 2012

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets is hereby giving notice of its proposal to introduce a late night levy for premises licensed to sell/supply alcohol **between midnight and 6am (00:00 to 06:00 hours)** in the borough of Tower Hamlets.

A Summary of the Proposal is below:

1. The Council proposes that the late night levy will be introduced on **1 January 2018**.
2. The Council proposes the late night supply period will begin at 00:00 hours and end at 06:00 hours.
3. The Council proposes to exempt the following permitted categories of premises from paying the levy as defined in the Late Night Levy (Expenses, Exemptions and Reductions) Regulations 2012:
 - a) Premises with overnight accommodation, where alcohol can only be supplied to persons staying at the premises for consumption on the premises,
 - b) Theatres and cinemas,
 - c) Bingo Halls,
 - d) Community Amateur Sports Clubs,
 - e) Community premises,
 - f) New Year's Day (i.e. 1 January) premises only (this relates to premises which are authorised to supply/sell alcohol between 00:00 hours and 06:00 hours, ONLY on New Year's Day).
4. The Council has decided that a reduction of 30% will be granted to premises that achieved accreditation in the Best Bar None (BBN) Scheme, which is a business led best practice scheme as defined in regulations 5 (1) (a) and 5 (4) of the above Expenses, Exemptions and Reductions Regulations.
5. The Council is not proposing to apply any other exemptions or reductions.
6. The Council has confirmed with the Mayor's Office of Policing and Crime (MOPAC) that it may retain the whole net amount of the of the Levy revenue (this includes their statutory 70 per cent split of the revenue), and that the allocation of this revenue is to be managed through the current Community Safety Partnership arrangements within the borough.
7. The Council will allow Licence holders to make an application to vary their Licence under sections 41A or 86A (minor variation) of the Licensing Act 2003. There will be no fee for such valid application provided it is received by the Council within the 2 month period directly following the date of a formal decision notice to introduce the Levy. This applies only for reduction of licensed hours for sale/supply of alcohol so they do not fall within the operational hours of the Levy (00:00 to 06:00 hours).

To view the full proposal and find out more about the reasons behind it, please see the link at the bottom of this notice.

The Council would like to hear your views on its proposal to introduce a Late Night Levy within the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. Please note that there is a 3 month Consultation Period therefore the council must receive your views no later than midnight on 23 August 2017 otherwise we will not be able to consider them.

To view our full proposal and complete the survey please visit the council's website at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/latenightlevy or you can write to us at the address below:

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