

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Night time levy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Details three further items of expenditure against the Night Time Levy monies in 2019-20 in support of the core aims of for Nottingham of a safer, healthier and more prosperous evening and night time economy.

Please also refer to Decision Forms 2018.013, 2018.051, 2018.090 and 2019.018.

The first is two portable metal detecting arches dedicated to the night time economy.

The second is funding for Operation Guardian 1 night per month.

The third is resources (magnetic van signs and pin badges) in support of work to tackle hate crime in the night time economy.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g report or business case)

Two portable metal detecting arches which are dedicated for use in the Nottingham night time economy. The arches can be taken to different locations to deter offenders from bringing weapons into Nottingham's city centre at night. These can be used very effectively in conjunction with Operation Guardian.

Operation Guardian is a partnership led operation specifically aimed at targeting the use and/or dealing of illegal drugs in the city centre by using a passive drugs dog to identify suspects. Operation Guardian uses a Home Office recognised best practice approach to reduce violence in Nottingham's night time economy of restricting the supply of cocaine and other stimulants. The removal of alcohol from the night time economy is neither practical nor desirable, but the management of other risks has proven to be an effective and economical approach. Operation Guardian seeks to improve the high standards for Police stop and search encounters with the public, aiming to improve people's trust and confidence in Nottinghamshire Police and the feeling of safety within Nottinghamshire City Centre. Maintaining 1 night per month of Operation Guardian, funded by the night time levy, will help to ensure that Nottingham is a safe place to enjoy a night out.

Hate crime, particularly against minority ethnic groups and LGBTQ communities, has been identified as a problem in the night time economy. Work is underway to encourage people to have the confidence to report. To support this, magnetic van signs and rainbow pin badges for officers working in the night time economy have been purchased, so that members of the public know that their concerns will be taken seriously.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION (please include if is it capital or revenue or both. What the split is and the totals being requested. Is this a virement/ something already budgeted for or something that requires additional funding. Are there any savings that can be offered up/or achieved)

The cost of the projects are as follows:

Activity	2019-20 (£)
Portable metal detecting arches (2)	6,000.00
Operation Guardian (12 at £1500 each)	18,000.00
Resources to support anti-Hate Crime work	1,315.00
Total	23,315.00

This relates to revenue expenditure and would be within budget for the Night Time Levy in 2019/20.

Signature: 

Chief Finance Officer

Date: 24th October 2019

Is any of the supporting information classified as non public or confidential information**?	Yes		No	X
If yes, please state under which category number from the guidance**				

DECISION:

Approval is sought for the expenditure set out above from the Night Time Levy budget.

OFFICER APPROVAL

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature: 

Chief Executive

Date: 1/11/19.

DECLARATION:

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below:

The above request has my approval.

Signature: 

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Date: 4/11/19

** See guidance on non public information