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## Nottingham City Council

### Licensing Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at Loxley House, Station Street, NG2 3NG, on 8 August 2022 from 10.00 am - 10.30 am

#### Membership

##### Present

Councillor Audrey Dinnall (Chair)  
Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Leslie Ayoola  
Councillor Angela Kandola  
Councillor Dave Liversidge  
Councillor AJ Matsiko  
Councillor Shuguftah Quddoos  
Councillor Cate Woodward  
Councillor Audra Wynter

##### Absent

Councillor Azad Choudhry  
Councillor Jawaid Khalil  
Councillor Zafran Nawaz Khan  
Councillor Rebecca Langton  
Councillor Sajid Mohammed  
Councillor Mohammed Saghir

#### Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Ann Barrett	- Team Leader, Legal Services
Sabina Bashir	- Solicitor, observing
Melanie Bird	- Licensing Compliance Manager
Paul Dales	- Chief Environmental Health Officer
John Davis	- Taxi Licensing Manager
Katie Jones	- Licensing Officer
Mark Leavesley	- Governance Officer
Councillor Toby Neal	- observing

#### 1 Apologies for absence

Councillor Langton	(maternity leave)
Councillor Mohammed	(leave)
Councillor Z Khan	(personal)

#### 2 Membership

The Committee noted the following membership changes:

##### Appointments

Councillor Sajid Mohammed  
Councillor Shuguftah Quddoos

##### Resignation

Councillor Pavlos Kotsonis

#### 3 Declarations of interests

None.

#### **4 Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 06 May 2022 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

#### **5 Review of Nottingham City Council Late Night Levy Scheme**

Melanie Bird, Licensing Compliance Manager, presented the report, which detailed responses received to consultation undertaken during 9 May to 1 July and 20 July to 03 August 2022 in respect of a proposed recommendation that Council, at the meeting to be held on 12 September 2022, be requested to revoke the Council's Late Night Levy Scheme (LNL).

During discussion, and in response to questions, it was stated that:

- of the 144 premises liable for the LNL consulted (48 within the city centre and 96 outside the city), 28 responses had been received. 2 late responses had been received from the universities, who were in favour of revocation of the Scheme;
- the issue had also been discussed at Pubwatch, and the proposal and consultation was known about within the trade;
- the Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner had also responded, but were not in favour of revocation of the scheme;
- a large number of venues in the City Centre were part of the Nottingham BID, membership of which exempts the premises from the Levy;
- the BID had separately funded various safety schemes and Best Bar None, and will continue to do its work independently of the LNL Scheme;
- the costs for Community Protection Officers' work in the night time economy were met jointly from a City Council budget and the Late Night Levy, and will continue to be adequately funded should the LNL be revoked;
- should the LNL be revoked, it would cease as of 31 October 2022.

The Chair also indicated that she was aware that Southampton and Cheltenham had revoked their LNL Schemes and she felt that a similar approach in Nottingham was reasonable, bearing in mind the considerations outlined in the report.

**Resolved that this Committee recommends that Council, at its meeting to be held on 12 September 2022, revokes the Council's Late Night Levy Scheme, with an end date of 31 October 2022.**