

London Borough of  
**Redbridge**



**The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011**

London Borough of Redbridge Licensing Authority is proposing to introduce a Late Night Levy on all premises licensed to sell alcohol after midnight and before 6am.

## Introduction

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 empowers the Council to charge a Late Night Levy (LNL) on all premises in the borough that are licenced to sell alcohol between midnight and 6am. The Council proposes that it is necessary to introduce the LNL in accordance with the Act to provide a contribution towards the cost of funding services in policing and providing community safety to tackle late night alcohol related crime and disorder.

The LNL does not currently apply to temporary events or other licensable activities not connected with the sale of alcohol, such as the provision of late night refreshment because they are not included within the scope of the legislation governing the levy.

If we introduce the levy after consultation, it will apply to all premises licences and club premises certificates authorised for the sale or supply of alcohol after midnight and before 6am, even if the full licensable hours are not used.

Although there is no proposal to provide exemptions, reductions or discounts, such premises as hotels and guest houses could be considered for exemption from the LNL as long as the supply of alcohol was made to a person staying at the premises and was for consumption on the premises. It is considered that these premises do not significantly contribute to late night alcohol related crime and disorder but may still contribute to the night time economy from a holistic point of view.

### How much does it cost for a Late Night Levy licence?

The low but significant cost of the LNL has been decided and set by UK Government.

The levy uses same fee structure as application fees under the Licensing Act 2003.

<b>Band</b>	<b>Non-domestic rateable value bands</b>	<b>Levy fee</b>	<b>Current annual alcohol licence fee</b>	<b>Total fee payable annually</b>
<b>A</b>	No rateable value to £4,300	£299	£70	£369
<b>B</b>	£4,301 to £33,000	£768	£180	£948
<b>C</b>	£33,001 to £87,000	£1,259	£295	£1,554
<b>D</b>	£87,001 to £125,000	£1,365	£320	£1,685
<b>E</b>	£125,001 and above	£1,493	£350	£1,843

It is proposed that the fees will be collected alongside the annual fee and we will write to you each year your licence renewal is due for payment.

## Background

We propose to introduce the late night levy on 1 October 2019.

The levy allows us to raise revenue by charging everyone who is licensed to sell alcohol after midnight and before 6am. If you hold a premises licenses or club premises certificates and you're authorised to sell alcohol past midnight and before 6am on one or more days in a year, then you will be required to pay the additional fee. It is proposed to charge the levy to the whole of Redbridge.

### **Why is there a proposal to introduce the late night levy in Redbridge?**

Indication through local police crime reports and complaints shows a clear correlation between the locations of late night licensed premises and incidents involving crime and disorder, including anti-social behaviour and public nuisance. The Metropolitan Police and Council's enforcement team incur additional costs to police the night-time economy in the borough using finite resources.

The levy will be collected by the Council, with at least 70% of any net revenue collected to be paid to the police. It will then be used to contribute to the policing of the late night economy.

Over 530 premises are authorised to sell alcohol and, of these, over 120 are able to supply alcohol at any time after midnight and before 6am.

If the LNL is introduced, licence holders have the right, if they so wish to make an application to vary their licence. They can do this free of charge before its introduction so that the premises will not be subject to paying the levy.

### **How will the levy be managed?**

We will establish a local management board, to oversee how the money we raise is spent. We have been in discussions with the police to set out exactly how this will work.

Where there is a non-payment of the levy would result in the premises licence being suspended and the outstanding money recovered as a civil debt. In this situation the business would not be able to carry out any licensable activities until the levy has been paid.

### **How will the revenue will be used?**

The police will use the revenue to contribute towards the costs of managing the late night economy. In Redbridge, this is likely to include providing additional police patrols across the borough and joint patrols and operations by police and Council officers including Redbridge Enforcement Officers (REO).

The Council will use a proportion of the revenue to provide services and activities which:

- reduce crime and disorder

- promote public safety
- reduce or prevent public nuisance
- clean any relevant highway or relevant land within the borough.

There are many other initiatives that would be considered through the consultation process including the provision of funding towards:

- Taxi Marshalls
- Street Pastors
- Personal Safety Initiatives
- Health Care Facilities

Also, financial support could be provided to assist schemes that promote improved management of licenced premises.

### **Exemptions, reductions and discounts**

There is no proposal to provide exemptions, reductions or discounts.

### **Relevant Legislation**

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

### **Consultation Responses**

The consultation is open to everyone, not just those directly affected by the proposed levy. We would like to hear the views of licence holders, businesses and residents.

After the consultation period, responses will be collated in a report to be considered by Full Council before deciding whether to introduce the LNL.

The council will take into account the impact that the night time economy is having in the borough in relation to the level of crime and disorder and the cost it incurs to policing and whether the late night levy would be beneficial.

If the decision is made to introduce the LNL, it would come into effect on 1 October 2019. Notifications will be sent to all relevant licensees in June this year. Licensees that do not wish to be included in the LNL will have a three month period to make a free variation to their licence before the LNL is introduced.

You can complete the Late Night Levy questionnaire [online](#).