

Appendix 6

Following on from Full Council in December 2015 the Chief Executive, in response to a Notice of Motion “Boosting alcohol-related policing and prevention”, wrote to the Local Government Association (LGA) on 11 January 2016, a response was received on 9 February 2016 and passed to officers on 15 February. Officers approached the Home Office and the LGA on 16 February for further clarification.

The Home Office consulted on the LNL in the summer 2015, with a view to improving the Levy by making it more flexible and targeted, in particular looking at the following possible changes:

- Permitting the levy to be targeted at a specific location, rather than across the whole council area.
- Extending it to include late-night refreshment premises, if so desired.
- Rebalancing the share of income between the PCC and council. It has been suggested that a 50/50 split between the LA and PCC is appropriate and we understand that the PCC group representing PCCs are happy with this proposal.
- Requiring the PCC to spend the money raised on the area in which it was raised and specifically on the night-time economy.
- Giving the PCC the right to request the council considers introducing it (but not forcing them to introduce it).

The Home Office are developing proposals on the Levy as part of its work on the Modern Crime Prevention Strategy, due for publication in Spring 2016. The Home Office have advised that any changes that Ministers choose to make that require primary legislation could not take effect until approximately April 2017 at the earliest (and subject to Parliamentary approval).

