



# Hampshire Constabulary

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Station : **Southampton Central**

Area : **Western**

Department : **Licensing**

Date : **26 February 2014**

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Subject : **Late Night Levy consultation matters relating to the Southampton City NTE policing operation**

**FAO: Chief Superintendant Thomas**

Sir

As requested I have set out the crime statistics and policing costs in the format set out within the Newcastle consultation process;

### **Cost of policing in connection with late-night supply of alcohol**

Hampshire Police have calculated that it costs £1.6 million per annum to police the NTE (Night Time Economy) area between midnight and 6am within Southampton City centre.

The costs relate to officers deployed for the whole NTE operation and include an element of custody, investigation and a small element of vehicle/transport costs. These ancillary costs have been adjusted downwards to reflect absorbed costs for other policing functions by those officers in those time periods.

The core hours between midnight and 6am costs £588,829 alone in officer costs for high visibility patrols in the Southampton NTE alone.

In addition there will be costs in relation to areas outside of the City Centre but it has not been possible to identify the element associated with the NTE.

The Home Office has said:

*“Alcohol-related crime and disorder causes a large cost to the police. According to the British Crime Survey, 16% of violent crime occurs between midnight and 6am (British Crime Survey, 2010-2013). In addition to the direct effects, the police are, for example, required to carry out follow-up activities such as investigations and arranging custody. Furthermore, in 44% of all violent incidents, the victim believed the offender to be under the influence of alcohol. When 38 police authorities were asked about overtime arrangements, 22 said that the NTE was a major cause of their overtime payments.”*

[**Source:** Impact Assessment – 9/5/12 – “Dealing with the problem of late night drinking – implementation of secondary legislation.”]

**Extent of crime and disorder in connection with the late-night supply of alcohol**

In order to put the costs into context and explain the need for them, Hampshire Police have provided statistics showing recorded crimes and ASB incidents for the **last 9 months** within Southampton City centre.

These are those linked to a licensed premise or have occurred in a public place covering the 5 **zones** relating to the NTE between 01/04/13 and 31/01/14 and between the hours of **1900** and **0700** hours.

- There are 1440 Violence Against the Person incidents linked to a licensed premise or have occurred in a public place between 01/04/13 and 31/01/14 and between the hours of 1900 and 0700 hours (53% or 772 occur between midnight and 6am)
- There are 5398 ASB incidents *reported* between 01/04/13 and 31/01/14, that were reported between 1900 & 0700 hours; these will not all be linked to the NTE. There are 1452 incidents that have occurred in the main Southampton Central safer neighbourhood area (44% or 648 occur between midnight and 6am)

**Alcohol related**

- 438 (30%) of the 1440 Violence Against the Person crimes are linked as having an offender in drink at the time of the incident. The number of offenders in drink is likely to be higher than recorded, particularly if no offender is identified, so this assessment cannot be made. There is no figure for victims in drink available due to limitations of the recording

**Southampton City Centre (Midnight to 6am)**

These have been split by day and hour and shown in the following tables;

**1. All Violence against Person crimes by day and hour (based on time from)**

Violence Against Person	Reported Hour						Grand Total
	Midnight	1am	2am	3am	4am	5am	
Occurrence Start Day of Week							
Monday	31	11	9	5	2		58
Tuesday	26	8	8	8	3	2	55
Wednesday	23	25	31	16	8	1	104
Thursday	12	4	6	8	3		33
Friday	34	13	13	14	6	2	82
Saturday	50	40	48	34	22	11	205
Sunday	69	54	51	44	10	7	235
<b>Total</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>772</b>

**2. All ASB Incidents by day and hour (based on time from)**



ASB	Reported Hour						Grand Total
	Midnight	1am	2am	3am	4am	5am	
Occurrence Start Day of Week							
Monday	16	10	7	5	5	2	45
Tuesday	13	13	16	6	3	6	57
Wednesday	19	19	10	18	16	8	90
Thursday	14	11	6	7	5	1	44
Friday	23	19	12	10	14	4	82
Saturday	33	33	19	21	23	7	136
Sunday	41	49	36	25	27	16	194
<b>Total</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>648</b>

There is also a clear spike in reported Violence Against the Person and ASB on Tuesday evenings into Wednesday, this is attributable to a vibrant student population where venues cater for that market on each Tuesday. There are 3 officers assigned to do VCS high visibility patrols throughout the academic year.

An important point to also note is that the above figures are unlikely to be a fully accurate reflection of violence within the NTE, several crime types and incidents that occur outside of licensed premises but within the **Night Time Economy Zones** will not be included in the analytical review.

There are also likely to be other crime types and incidents occurring in a public place during this time period that is not related to alcohol consumption or the NTE, but due to data quality it is not possible to exclude all these offences at this time.

Although these figures are not precise, it is nevertheless clear that both the police **and** Southampton City Council incur substantial costs in relation to the reduction or prevention of crime and disorder, in connection with the supply of alcohol between midnight and 6am.

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This has to be weighed against the economic benefits that the NTE provides to the City.

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Attached:

\*Annex 1 - NTE S district 010413-310114 v2)