

REPORT TO	DATE OF MEETING
GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE	24 November 2015

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SUBJECT	PORTFOLIO	AUTHOR	ITEM
Licensing update	REGENERATION AND LEISURE	Jennifer Mullin	

SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report provides the Licensing Committee with information on the decisions taken in respect of licence applications. The information included within the report provides an overview in respect of the full range licensing but the majority of the applications relate to taxi licensing and premises involved in the sale of alcohol.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Committee note the report summarising the Licensing Units activity during the period 1st April to 30th September 2015.

DETAILS AND REASONING

Members are aware the Licensing Team is responsible for the administration of licence applications submitted in respect of the Licensing Act 2003, Taxi Licensing function under the duties of the Town and Police Clauses Act 1847 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Gambling Act 2005 and a variety of other miscellaneous licensing and regulatory functions.

The Council's scheme of delegation has vested the power to grant uncontested applications with Licensing Officers in accordance with the Primary Legislation governing the activities under consideration.

The Licensing Team have dealt with a total of 630 applications during the first half of the financial year. An update on the Licensing Act 2003 activities will be undertaken at the next Licensing Act Committee

Taxi Licensing

Licences Issued (duration)	Number
Hackney Carriage Driver (1 or 3 Year)	67
Private Hire Driver (1 or 3 Year)	58
Hackney Carriage Vehicle (6 months)	129
Private Hire Vehicle (6 months)	138
Private Hire Operator (5 years)	5

Appeals

No Committee decisions were appealed to the Magistrates' Court during the period covered by this report.

Enforcement Activity – Taxi Licensing

During the reporting period, the Licensing Team has been responsible for 21 enforcement interventions and responded to 10 complaints from members of the public.

Actions Undertaken	Total
Cases still under investigation at 30.9.15	1
No further action taken due to credible driver / operator explanations	2
Advice given	2
Written/Verbal Warnings issued	8
Cases referred to GLC	7
Suspension Notice (Driver)	2
Suspension Notice (Vehicle)	5
Referrals to neighbouring authorities (Issues with out of Borough Hackney Carriages/Drivers)	3

Gambling Act 2005

New Premises Licences

No applications were granted.

Premises Licence Variations

No applications were submitted.

Premises Licence Review

There were no applications to review a premises licence.

Transfer a Premises Licence

There were no applications to transfer a premises licence.

Surrendered / Lapsed / Revoked Licences

No premises licences granted under the Gambling Act 2005 were surrendered, lapsed or revoked.

Permits / Notifications

The Licensing Authority is responsible for issuing the following permits. It is only permissible to grant or reject an application for a permit as there is no facility to attach conditions.

- Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permits
- Club Gaming Permits and Club Machine Permits
- Alcohol-licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits
- Prize Gaming Permits

There were no applications for FEC permits.

There were 2 applications for a Club Gaming or Club and Machine Permits.

There were 7 applications for an Alcohol-licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits.

There were no applications for Prize Gaming Permits

The Licensing Authority is also responsible for receiving notifications from holders of alcohol Premises Licences under the 2003 Act that they wish to exercise their automatic entitlement to two category C or D gaming machines in their premises. Such notifications are valid throughout the Premises Licence Holder's tenure and automatically lapse when the Premises Licence is transferred / suspended / revoked.

3 notifications under Section 282 were received and acknowledged.

Small Society Lotteries (SSL) (12 months)

22 Applications for new or renewed SSL's were granted.

Miscellaneous Licensing

Adult / Sex Licensing

No applications have been received

Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2012 (3 years)

1 application has been granted

House to House Collections (12 months)

3 applications have been granted

Street Collections (12 months)

1 application has been granted

Second Hand Goods (12 months)

No applications have been received

Pet Shop (Calendar year)

No applications have been received

Animal Boarding Establishments (Calendar year)

3 applications have been granted

Dog Breeding Licence (12 months)

No applications have been received

Riding Establishments (Calendar year)

1 application has been granted

Zoo (4 or 6 years)

1 application has been granted

Dangerous Wild Animals (3 years)

No applications have been received

WIDER IMPLICATIONS

FINANCIAL	None
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LEGAL	None
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RISK	None
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THE IMPACT ON EQUALITY	None
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OTHER (see below)	
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<i>Asset Management</i>	<i>Corporate Plans and Policies</i>	<i>Crime and Disorder</i>	<i>Efficiency Savings/Value for Money</i>
<i>Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion</i>	<i>Freedom of Information/ Data Protection</i>	<i>Health and Safety</i>	<i>Health Inequalities</i>
<i>Human Rights Act 1998</i>	<i>Implementing Electronic Government</i>	<i>Staffing, Training and Development</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>