

REPORT TO	ON
GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE	11 JULY 2017

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TITLE	AUTHOR	Agenda item No.
ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17	PETER HAYWOOD	

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present to members a draft copy of the Licensing Section's Annual Report for 2016/17.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to:

- 2.1 comment on the content and format of the draft Annual Report for 2016/17;
- 2.2 agree to adopt it as a formal record of activities during that year; and
- 2.3 consider whether the work of the Section should be promoted by forwarding the final version for consideration by any other body, eg Scrutiny.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

Clean, green and safe		Strong and healthy communities	
Strong South Ribble in the heart of prosperous Lancashire		Efficient, effective and exceptional council	X

4. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

- 4.1 It is considered good practice for Licensing Committees to produce a document setting out their achievements during the preceding 12 months, to serve as a record of what has been achieved and – given the importance of reassuring the public that persons, premises or vehicles are appropriately regulated - to promote that work as widely as members consider beneficial.

5. ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

- 5.1 The draft Annual Report 2016/17 is attached to this report as Appendix 1. The draft report seeks to identify and document the good work which the General Licensing Committee has undertaken during 2016/17. It covers the relevant areas of Hackney Carriage / Private Hire; Licensing Act 2003 (liquor); Gambling; and Scrap Metal. However, given the exceptional circumstances of 2016/17, it is appropriate (and understandable) that the draft Report concentrates on work around taxi licensing.

5.2 The Report sets out the Committee’s workload during the year, but in particular it emphasises the considerable steps taken by the Committee to modernise its processes and procedures. As such it aims to present a balanced view of the Committee’s workload, which looks both backwards (outputs and cases heard) as well as forwards (Policy aspirations).

6. WIDER IMPLICATIONS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION

6.1 Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6.2 Comments of the Monitoring Officer

There are no legal implications identified in this report.

Other implications:	
• Risk	None
• Equality	None
• HR	None

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS (or there are no background papers to this report)

Appendix 1 – draft Annual Report 2016/17
Appendix A to Annual Report – Terms of Reference
Appendix B to Annual Report – Analysis of Hearings