



Service Delivery Committee	Tuesday, 11 October 2016	Matter for Information
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Title: Corporate Enforcement Update

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1. Introduction

This report is to provide Members of the corporate enforcement activity of the Council since the last meeting.

2. Recommendations

To note the contents of the report which is presented for information only.

3. Information

3.1. Fly Tipping

There were no Fixed Penalty Notices served but several cases were reported and investigated, some using interviews under PACE (Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984) procedures, and to the satisfaction of Council Officers. All with the aim of educating alleged perpetrators of the impact and potential results of their actions and the likely formal options available to enforce against their activities.

The Borough is regularly monitored for any nuisances in line with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Section 1).

3.2. Dog Fouling

The ongoing programme of inspecting 'hotspots' for incidents of dog fouling, is still continuing with the same momentum, with over 20 visits made in the last quarter. Most of the Boroughs Parks and open spaces are patrolled and monitored to identify offences or directly in response to complaints.

Fortunately no fixed penalty notices have been served and this can be interpreted as a positive response to the presence of a uniformed officer conducting regular visible patrols. On occasions, leaflets have been distributed to educate and raise awareness amongst dog owners and other park users as to the responsibilities of dog ownership.

3.3. Licensing

In relation to the Taxi licensing there has been a change around of staff at the local policing unit recently where contacts (PS Simons/Lewin have both moved on.) Therefore negotiations around setting up a joint operation are still being finalised.

Other colleagues in neighbouring Boroughs, (Mandy Geary Licensing officer of Blaby DC) are more than willing to run a joint operation with us, DVSA and the Police on Friday or Saturday nights.

Regular checks are made on the taxi ranks, vehicles and drivers using shared

intelligence to target 'hotspot' taxi operators at their premises.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer attended John Foster Hall, Manor Road, Oadby from 1945hrs to 0145hrs on Friday 30th September 2016 as a result of a complaint from a licensed Oadby and Wigston taxi driver, who had stated that Leicester City Black cabs had been working illegally within the Borough.

During the time there the Licensing Enforcement Officer stopped 30 Leicester City Council vehicles and spoke to the drivers and advised them that they were operating illegally and not within their jurisdiction. In the fact that their Hackney Badges do not allow them to ply for hire in the Oadby and Wigston area. To assist the drivers, the Licensing Enforcement Officer handed out a map of the OWBC boundaries. The Licensing Enforcement Officer made contact with the complainant and spoke with him at length. It was agreed that he would continue to send offending vehicle plates and registration plates to her so the Officer could deal with the information appropriately.

With the information obtained the Licensing Enforcement Officer has sent a report to Licensing at Leicester City Council outlining the problem and requesting that they confirm all of the drivers names and addresses so appropriate letters can be sent out. After speaking on the night with on site Security officers, the Licensing Enforcement Officer has spoken with the Head of Security for the University of Leicester in relation to educating the Students as to which vehicles are insured to take them.

It has been agreed that the Officer will send an examples of OWBC taxi plates who will disseminate to the Halls of residence to try to educate the students as to which vehicles they should hire when hailing taxis from the Halls of residences. The Head of Security is going to liaise with the Student Union officials to ensure the students are briefed. The Head of Security has also stated that he will be looking into the possibility of authorising a couple of OWBC taxi firms to go onto the grounds of the Halls of residence sites to arrange pickups in an attempt to eradicate the problem.

On speaking with the University and the promoters of the Rock Star events which are held at the O2 on University Road, most of the events which require taxis are held on a Wednesday and Friday night therefore the Licensing Enforcement Officer will conduct spot checks on those nights bar the times when she is on annual leave (12th 19th October 2016) so that the students of the Borough are safe and the taxi drivers of the borough are not disadvantaged.

Licensed premises continue to be monitored proactively to address compliance with licensing objectives and specific conditions contained in individual licences.

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Implications	
Financial (CR)	CR1 - Decrease in Financial Resources
Legal (AC)	No significant implications.
Risk (SG)	CR6 - Regulatory Governance
Equalities (SG)	No significant implications.
	Equality Assessment:- <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Full Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable