



Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Thursday, 12 July 2018	Matter for Information
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Report Title:

Licensing Update (Q1 2018/19)

Report Author(s):

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Purpose of Report:	This report provides an overview of the work undertaken by the Licensing Section for the first quarter of 2018/19.
Report Summary:	This report covers the following subjects: taxi licensing, matters arising under the Licensing Act 2003 and licensing enforcement.
Recommendation(s):	That the contents of the report be noted by Members.
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Corporate Priorities:	Effective Service Provision (CP2)
Vision and Values:	Accountability (V1) Customer Focus (V5)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	No corporate risk(s) identified.
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	None.

Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	None.

1. **Taxi Licensing**

1.1 **Vehicles**

Since 06 April until 02 July 2018, the Licensing Section has processed 107 vehicle applications. All vehicles have undergone visual inspections and, in total, 203 vehicle inspections have taken place.

New Hackney	59
Renewal Hackney	45
6-month inspections	62
Re-test inspections	31
Total inspections	197

New Private Hire	3
Renewal Private Hire	3
Failed inspections Private Hire	3
Re-test inspections	3

1.2 **Drivers**

Since 06 April 2018 until 02 July 2018, 52 new applicants have sat the competency test, of which only 14 met the required standard.

The monthly Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) sessions continue to be delivered on the first Wednesday of each month.

1.3 **Driver Applications Presently Being Processed**

- 56 applications are awaiting the applicant to pass the competency test who have previously failed.
- 30 applicants are booked onto the 04 July 2018 competency test.
- 30 applicants are booked onto the 01 August 2018 competency test.
- 4 applicants are booked onto the 04 September 2018 competency test.

1.4 **Refusal of Drivers Licences**

Since 06 April 2018, 5 driver applications have been refused in line with Licensing Policy.

2. **Licensing Act 2003**

2.1 On receipt of a request for a review of a Premises Licence from Trading Standards, a premises licence for The Fresh Market, Wigston was removed as it had lapsed due to the liquidation of the parent company.

2.2 At the time of writing the report, no application for a transfer of the licence had been received. Officers are continuing to monitor the premises with the assistance of partner

agencies to ensure that no sales of alcohol take place until such time as the licence is transferred or a new application is received.

3. Enforcement

- 3.1 There are presently 6 complaints from members of the public appertaining to drivers and taxis which are being investigated; one is sub-judice, but will be progressed when appropriate.
- 3.2 Officers continue to conduct licensing checks. Officers have been out to the taxi rank on Leicester Road where enforcement action is being taken against Hackney Carriage drivers who are abusing the rank by leaving their vehicles unattended.
- 3.3 Officers have conducted several joint licensing checks with the Police; as a result, one licensee from Oadby was invited in to the office and given an action plan on how to manage issues at the premises. Progress will be reviewed in four weeks.
- 3.4 Officers have been working closely with Trading Standards, the Police and Environmental Health in relation to the illegal importation of an animal without quarantine from a pet shop within the Borough.