



Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Thursday, 31 January 2019	Matter for Information
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Report Title: **Licensing Update (Q3 2018/19)**

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Purpose of Report:	This information report provides an overview of the work undertaken by the Licensing Section for the third quarter of 2018/19.
Report Summary:	This report covers the standard quarterly reporting items in relation to taxi and private hire licensing, applications under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 and notable enforcement activity. An update is also provided in respect other concurrent matters.
Recommendation(s):	That the contents of the report and appendix be noted.
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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.
Health and Safety:	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:	1. Licensing Application Statistics (Q3 2018/19)

1. Taxi and Private Hire Licensing

1.1 Vehicles

From 1 October to 31 December 2018, the Licensing Section has processed 163 hackney carriage/private hire applications. The vehicle fleet remains of high quality.

1.2 Drivers

On 3 October, 14 applicants sat the Council competency test as part of the drivers' licence application process; there were 3 passes on the day. On 7 November, 18 applicants were booked to take the test; there were 2 passes on the day. On 5 December, 14 applicants attended the test; there were 4 passes. 62 drivers attended the Child Sexual Exploitation Courses held in October, November and December 2018.

1.3 Revocation of Drivers' Licences

One driver's licence application has been revoked under section 61(1)b of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. To ensure the safety of the public, the licence was revoked with immediate effect under section 61(2B) of the 1976 Act as it was deemed to be in the public interest. The driver in question has been made aware of the Council's decision and the appeal process if he wishes to use it.

2. Licensing Act 2003

- 2.1 During the three month period, there have been 39 applications relating to the Licensing Act. During the same period, there has been 1 premises licence application which did not attract any representations.

3. Gambling Act 2005

- 3.1 No Gambling Act premises licence applications have been received recently. The Council's requirement to publish a new Statement of Licensing Principles under the Gambling Act has to be concluded by 31 January. This is now in process and the public notice to publish the new Statement of Principles has been actioned.

4. Licensing Enforcement

- 4.1 Whilst the team have continued to respond to complaints received from members of the public, there has not been any proactive enforcement activity undertaken.

5. Other Regulatory Updates / Miscellaneous

- 5.1 The Leicestershire & Rutland Licensing Forum will now be attended by shared Licensing Officer on behalf of Oadby and Wigston Borough Council and Blaby District Council.
- 5.2 A breakdown of licensing application statistics for quarter 3 is attached at **Appendix 1** to this report for Members' perusal.
- 5.3 A training session for Committee Members was held on 22 January focusing on a case-study to discuss and reflect on best practice and procedure for sub-committee hearings.