



<b>Licensing and Regulatory Committee</b>	<b>Thursday, 05 September 2019</b>	<b>Matter for Information</b>
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**Report Title:** **Licensing Update (Q1 2019/2020)**

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<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	This information report provides an overview of the work undertaken by the Licensing Section for the first quarter of 2019/2020.
<b>Report Summary:</b>	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 any notable enforcement activity. An update is also provided in respect of other concurrent matters
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	<b>That the contents of the report and appendix be noted.</b>
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<b>Corporate Objectives:</b>	Providing Excellent Services (CO3)
<b>Vision and Values:</b>	Accountability (V1) Teamwork (V3) Customer Focus (V5)
<b>Report Implications:-</b>	
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.
<b>Statutory Officers' Comments:-</b>	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.

<b>Consultees:</b>	None.
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None.
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>1.</b> Licensing Application Statistics (Q1 2019/2020)

## **1. Taxi and Private Hire Licensing**

### **1.1 Vehicles**

During the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 the Licensing Section has processed 150 applications for hackney carriage & private hire driver, vehicle and operator licences.

### **1.2 Drivers**

During the reporting period we held 3 Competency tests, attended by a total of 37 candidates. Of the candidates who sat the test 5 gained a pass and the remaining candidates failed. The test forms part of the application criteria and a pass is required before the applicant can go forward to make an application to become a licensed driver. 16 applicants and drivers attended the Child Sexual Exploitation courses which were held in April, May and June.

### **1.3 Revocation Appeal**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> August an applicant failed to have the Council's decision to refuse him a drivers licence overturned at Loughborough Magistrates Court. The applicant has since submitted Notice of Appeal to the Crown Court. A date for the hearing is still to be decided.

## **2. Licensing Act 2003**

During the quarter, there have been 76 applications relating to the Licensing Act; 1 Temporary Event Notice with no alcohol, 1 Late Temporary Event Notice with alcohol, 9 Personal Licence applications and 55 applications for premises licences which included 2 minor variations and 8 licence transfers and or variation of the DPS (Designated Premises Supervisor).

## **3. Gambling Act 2005**

There were 3 applications made under the above Act, 2 new small society lotteries registrations and 1 notification of gaming machines for an alcohol licensed premises.

## **4. General Licences**

The team also issued the following licences during the quarter; 5 Animal Welfare Licences, 3 Street Trading Consent's and 11 street collection permits

## **5. Licensing Enforcement**

Proactive enforcement visits have been conducted in conjunction with the Police of Licensed premises. These visits will continue and it is intended that the amount of time dedicated to Taxi enforcement will increase during the year. The Licensing Enforcement Officer is currently investigating 5 complaints against taxi drivers.

The breakdown of licensing application statistics for quarter 1 is attached at **Appendix 1** to this report for members' information.

## **6. Sam Says Campaign**

In March 2019, the Sam Says campaign posters were given out to all taxi operators to promote the use of the Dutch Reach to prevent unnecessary injury to cyclists when passing stationary vehicles. Since that time all new and renewed vehicles have been issued with Sam Says stickers to be placed on windows in all of our licensed vehicles. Leicester City Council, North West Leicestershire District Council, Cycling UK and Ride Leicester are also promoting the campaign and the Dutch Reach is also to be included in the Highway Code.

## **7. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Forum**

A consultation letter is being formatted to be distributed to all licensed drivers outlining the intention to facilitate a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Forum. The purpose of the forum will be to engage with the trade on current issues, customer expectations and consultations. It is proposed that the Forum will meet 6 monthly and comprise members of the Trade, elected Members and Officers.