

AGENDA FOR

LICENSING AND SAFETY PANEL

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To: All Members of Licensing and Safety Panel

Councillors: P Adams, N Bayley, I Bevan, J Grimshaw, R Hodkinson, D Jones (Chair), G Keeley, J Kelly, O Kersh, A McKay, Sarah Southworth, J Walker and S Wright

Licensing and Safety Panel

Dear Member/Colleague

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Licensing and Safety Panel which will be held as follows:-

Date:	Tuesday, 7 March 2017
Place:	Meeting Rooms A & B - Town Hall
Time:	7.00 pm
Briefing Facilities:	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
Notes:	

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Licensing and Safety Panel are asked to consider whether they have an interest in any of the matters on the agenda, and if so, to formally declare that interest.

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions are invited from members of the public present at the meeting on any matters for which this Panel is responsible.

Approximately 30 minutes will be set aside for Public Question Time if required.

4 OPERATIONAL REPORT (Pages 1 - 2)

A report from the Assistant Director (Localities) is attached.

5 URGENT BUSINESS

Any other business, which by reason of special circumstances, the Chair agrees may be considered as a matter of urgency.

6 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider passing the appropriate resolution under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business since it involves the likely disclosure of the exempt information stated.

7 CONSIDERATION OF DRIVER SUITABILITY TO WORK ON THE HOME TO SCHOOL & COLLEGE TRANSPORT CONTRACT (Pages 3 - 8)

A report from the Director of Children's Services is attached.

8 SUSPENSION/REVOCATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCES (Pages 9 - 16)

A report from the Assistant Director (Localities) is attached.

9 APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCES (Pages 17 - 26)

A report from the Assistant Director (Localities) is attached.







Item

DECISION OF:	LICENSING & SAFETY PANEL
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DATE:	7 th MARCH 2017
SUBJECT:	OPERATIONAL REPORT
REPORT FROM:	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LOCALITIES)
CONTACT OFFICER:	M BRIDGE
TYPE OF DECISION:	N/A – Report for information only
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is in the public domain
SUMMARY:	A report to advise members on operational issues within the licensing service.
IMPLICATIONS:	
Wards Affected:	N/A
Scrutiny Interest:	Internal Scrutiny Panel

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 The report advises Members on operational issues within the licensing service.

2.0 PRE-APPLICATION ASSESSMENTS

2.1 Further to the last meeting of the Licensing and Safety Panel. The Licensing Service can confirm that the assessments are continuing to be undertaken by the adult learning team. From the 4th January 2017 until the 17th February 2017 there has been 45 assessments carried out. Of the 47 assessments that were booked, 32 passed, 13 failed and 2 failed to attend.

3.0 IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER

3.1 On the 27th January 2017, information was initially received by the Licensing Service from the Greater Manchester Police, that on the 13th January 2017, the licensed driver was arrested in relation to a serious assault.

On receipt of this information, the Head of Trading Standards and Licensing consulted with the Chairman of the Licensing and Safety Panel and it was

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agreed that his private hire driver's licence be suspended in the interests of public safety until the outcome of the police investigation. The driver has been spoken to by the Licensing Unit Manager at the Town Hall and was given the appropriate documentation in respect of the suspension. Whilst speaking to the Licensing Unit Manager, he has handed in his driver's badge.

4.0 LICENSING ACT 2003 - SUMMARY REVIEW APPLICATION

4.1 On the 9th February 2017, the Licensing Service received an application for a Summary Review under sections 53A to 53C of the Licensing Act 2003 from Greater Manchester Police in respect of the Alt House, 1-3 Moss Lane, Whitefield. The reason for the application was due to the Police believing that the premises are associated with serious crime and/or serious disorder.

As a result of the application, a Licensing Hearings Panel was convened on the 10^{th} February 2017 so that the members could consider the application made by the Police and to determine whether to impose interim steps pending the full review. After consideration of the evidence, members considered it necessary to impose interim steps which resulted in the premises licence being suspended until the full review hearing on the 6^{th} March 2017.

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