

REPORT FOR DECISION

DECISION OF:	LICENSING & SAFETY PANEL
DATE:	29th February 2016
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 LICENSING HEARINGS PANEL

2.1 On the 4th February 2016, a Licensing Hearings Panel considered an application for the grant of a premises licence in respect of Ethane Convenience Store, 19 Bolton Street, Bury. Representations were received from the Police and interested parties. Members considered the representations and decided to refuse the application.

3.0 Immediate Revocation of Private Hire Drivers Licence

3.1 The licensing service received a complaint on 26/06/15 from a member of the public in relation to a private hire driver's conduct which had resulted in him being prosecuted. On 27/01/16, he appeared before Bury Magistrates Court and during the trial changed his plea to

guilty. He was found guilty of assault by beating contrary to s39 Criminal Justice Act 1988 and using threatening abusive or insulting words or behaviour or disorderly behaviour within the hearing or sight of a person likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress, contrary to s 5(1)(6) Public Order Act 1986. He was sentenced to 16 weeks imprisonment suspended for 12 months and a requirement to attend rehabilitation with the Probation Service within 12 months. He was ordered to pay £500 compensation to the victim, £200 court costs and £80 victim surcharge.

As a result of the above convictions, the Licensing Unit Manager spoke to the Assistant Director (Localities) and the Chairman of the Licensing and Safety Panel and it was decided that his private hire driver's badge should be revoked with immediate effect.

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