

# REPORT FOR DECISION

<b>Agenda Item</b>	
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<b>DECISION OF:</b>	<b>LICENSING &amp; SAFETY PANEL</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>OPERATIONAL REPORT</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LOCALITIES)</b>
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	<b>M BRIDGE</b>
<b>TYPE OF DECISION:</b>	N/A – Report for information only
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:</b>	This paper is in the public domain
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	A report to advise members on operational issues within the licensing service.
<b>IMPLICATIONS:</b>	
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	N/A
<b>Scrutiny Interest:</b>	Internal Scrutiny Panel

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

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

**2.0 Immediate Suspension/Revocation of Private Hire Drivers Licences**

2.1 The licensing service received information in relation to a private hire driver who had been involved in two accidents, one of which was whilst conveying passengers in his vehicle since the granting of his licence on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

As a result of this information being received, the licensing service had serious concerns about this licence holder’s ability to drive, the Head of Service of Trading Standards and Licensing spoke to the Chairman of the Licensing and Safety Panel and it was decided that his private hire driver’s badge should be suspended with immediate effect until such time that he undertakes and passes

a Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency “taxi driving standard driving test” known as a Hackney and private hire saloon vehicle test.

- 2.2 The licensing service received a complaint on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 from a member of the public in relation to a private hire driver’s inappropriate conduct which resulted in the complainant reporting the matter to Greater Manchester Police.

As a result of the above complaint, the Head of Service of Trading Standards and Licensing spoke to 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.

### 3.0 **Statistics of the Licensing Service**

- 3.1 The Licensing Service during the financial year 15/16 have dealt with the following:-

Type of Work	Number
Number of Licences/Registrations/Consents/Permits processed	5692
Number of applicants/Licence holders considered by the Licensing and Safety Panel  Suspension / Revocation - 14  New Applicants - 27	41
Number of applications considered by Licensing Hearing Panels  Of these:-  Grant applications – 7 New premises licences  Grant application – 1 new club premises certificate  Variation application - 1  Review application – 1 local resident  Expedited Reviews – 1 (two hearings interim steps and full review)	12

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