

REPORT FOR DECISION

DECISION OF:	LICENSING & SAFETY PANEL
DATE:	7th 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

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 10th 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 6th March 2017.

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