

REPORT FOR

DECISION OF:	LICENSING & SAFETY PANEL
DATE:	28th NOVEMBER 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 29th September 2017 until the 10th November 2017 there has been 22 assessments carried out. Of the 22 assessments that were booked, 19 passed, 3 failed and none failed to attend.

3.0 Licensing Hearing Panels – 31st October 2017

- 3.1 Polka, 20 Parkhills Road, Bury.

The Licensing Service received an application to transfer the surrendered premises licence in respect of Polka, 20 Parkhills Road, Bury, BL9 9AX.

Greater Manchester Police, in their capacity as a Responsible Authority, gave notice that they were satisfied that the exceptional circumstances of the case are

such that granting the application would undermine the crime prevention objective.

The members of the Panel considered the Transfer application and resolved to reject the application.

3.2 Grape to Grain, 42 Bridge Street, Ramsbottom, BL0 9AD

The Licensing Service received an application for the grant of a new premises licence in respect of Grape to Grain, 42 Bridge Street, Ramsbottom.

An interested party made a representation in respect of the application.

The members of the Panel considered the application to grant a premises licence and resolved to grant the application.

4.0 Equality Act 2010

- 4.1 Following a complaint from a member of the public who is blind, the licensing service investigated the complaint and it was decided to instigate prosecution proceedings. On 1 November 2017, a private hire driver attended Manchester Magistrates Court and pleaded guilty to an offence under section 170 (3) of the Equality Act 2010. Section 170 (3) states as follows:-

The driver of a private hire vehicle commits an offence by failing or refusing to carry out a booking accepted by the operator—

(a) if the booking is made by or on behalf of a disabled person or a person who wishes to be accompanied by a disabled person, and

(b) the reason for the failure or refusal is that the disabled person is accompanied by an assistance dog.

Sentence as follows:-

Fine £250.00

Costs £250.00

Victim Surcharge £30.00

This matter will be listed for a future Licensing and Safety Panel meeting to give consideration to his suitability to hold a private hire drivers licence.

5.0 Communities in Charge of Alcohol” (CICA) Programme

- 5.1 A “Communities in Charge of Alcohol” (CICA) Programme has been developed, which aims to kickstart the development of a network of community alcohol champions across Greater Manchester. The project builds on the principle that local communities should be empowered to take charge of their own health and people in communities are best placed to influence their friends, families and colleagues.

This project is an innovative partnership between the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership. all ten Greater Manchester Local Authorities, the Royal Society for Public Health, the University of Salford and Public Health England North West.

The area selected due to the infrastructure that was already available and issues relating to alcohol, Radcliffe was selected. The "Darnhill" area was selected for Rochdale.

The aim is to provide community members with knowledge, skills and key contacts to support them:

- Support people to reduce drinking through brief advice or guiding them towards specialist services
- Attending local community events to speak to people about alcohol and health
- Provide support for communities to get involved with licensing decisions by helping them raise issues with the local authority about venues selling alcohol.

The Licensing Unit Manager has recently attended a presentation on the Licensing Act along with the Service Manager from Rochdale to give guidance on the processes that can be used by local communities if they have issues relating to problem premises that hold a premises licence/Club Premises Certificate under the Licensing Act 2003.

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