

# REPORT FOR DECISION

<b>DECISION OF:</b>	<b>LICENSING &amp; SAFETY PANEL</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>OPERATIONAL REPORT</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES)</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 Gambling Act 2005

2.1 The Licensing Service have now commenced the 9 week consultation in respect of the Statement of principles under the Gambling Act 2005. The consultation will end on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and a further report will be presented to the Licensing and Safety Panel on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 for members to consider.

## 3.0 REVOCATION AND APPEAL TO MAGISTRATES COURT IN RESPECT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

3.1 On the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018, the Licensing Service in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing and Safety Panel decided to revoke a private hire driver's licence with immediate effect following information being received from Greater Manchester Police about his conduct. However the same driver on the 3<sup>rd</sup>

August 2018, had his appeal considered at Manchester Crown Court in respect of the four month suspension for failing to take a guide dog in his private hire vehicle. The Court agreed that the appeal against suspension could not proceed when the licence in question had subsequently been revoked with immediate effect and so the matter was adjourned for mention on **5<sup>th</sup> October 2018** to update the Crown Court on the driver's pending appeal against the revocation.

#### **4.0 DECISION OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS.**

- 4.1 Members will recall a prosecution by the Council at Manchester Magistrates Court on Wednesday (7 March), Molnar pleaded guilty to offences of bringing in to the country five miniature "teacup" dachshund puppies and running an illegal pet shop from his home in Prestwich. Molnar offered the puppies for sale on various internet sites, when they were much younger than the age suggested on the vaccination card and therefore too young to have been legally brought into the UK. When tested, the puppies in this case did not have rabies immunity. Molnar, who now lives in Dartford, Kent was given a 270-hour Community Order and ordered to pay compensation. He was also banned from operating a pet shop or a boarding establishment for ten years.

Molnar was registered with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and as a result of his convictions, at a hearing on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018 the Disciplinary Committee found that in view of the seriousness of Molnar's conduct, the risk to the public and to animals and the fact that the convictions were directly linked to his veterinary practice; he was unfit to practise veterinary surgery.

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