

REPORT FOR DECISION

DECISION OF:	LICENSING & SAFETY PANEL
DATE:	7TH MARCH 2019
SUBJECT:	OPERATIONAL REPORT
REPORT FROM:	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES)
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 Gambling Act 2005

2.1 On the 31st January 2019, the revised Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 came into effect, this was following ratification by Full Council on the 28th November 2018.

3.0 COMMON MINIMUM STANDARDS – Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trade

3.1 The Licensing Unit Manager has been attending further meetings with the other 9 Greater Manchester Authorities in relation to common minimum standards. It is hoped that these proposed standards will be consulted in summer 2019.

4.0 HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE TRADE LIAISON MEETING

4.1 On the 11th February 2019, the licensing service met with representatives of both the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trade all licensed operators were invited to attend, to provide information about the Gm Clean Air Plan. A copy of the minutes are attached at Appendix 1

5.0 EVENING ENFORCEMENT – 18TH JANUARY 2019

5.1 The licensing service undertook evening enforcement on the 18th January 2019, resulting in the following:

- 4 restaurants visited, premises licence summaries not on display at 2 premises, advice was given at the time of the visit. These matters have now been remedied.
- An unlicensed takeaway was visited which was advertising that it was open until 02.00. Advice was given at the time of the inspection to close at 11.00pm until a premise licence was in force.
- 8 licensed premises visited all found to be compliant

6.0 OPERATION CONSIDERATE

6.1 The Licensing Service took part in an operation with Greater Manchester Police on the 12th February 2019, the findings on the operation were as follows:-

Offence	action taken					No Action Needed	total
	advised	told to present	producer	suspension	FPN		
tyre defects				2			2
magnet use		2					2
untaxed private hire Vehicle	1						1
insurance stickers missing		1					1
not wearing badges	5						5
not in possession of badge		2					2
compliant driver						14	14
compliant vehicle						14	14
no seatbelt					2		2
out of town driver							3
out of town vehicle							3
no fire extinguisher		1					1
operator signage missing		3					3
licence window stickers missing		5	1				6
insecure licence plates		1					1
insecure passenger	1						1

The Licensing Service are currently issuing warning letters to the vehicle proprietors and the drivers of the vehicles in respect of the findings on the operation.

7.0 GREATER MANCHESTER AIR QUALITY PLAN CONVERSATION

- 7.1 On the 11th February 2019 at the hackney carriage and private hire liaison meeting, officers from Environmental Health Service spoke to the representatives of the trades in respect of Air Quality. The trade were requested to contact them if they had any feedback by completing the questionnaire and returning it to them.

8.0 PURPLE FLAG SUBMISSION

- 8.1 Officers from the Licensing Service have been involved with the internal assessment required for the renewal application. The Council is currently waiting for confirmation of a date when the external assessment will take place.

9.0 BRADLEY FOLD

- 9.1 Members will be aware that in the early hours of 14th January 2019 there was a fire at Bradley Fold. Due to the fire the Council are unable to test vehicles at the moment. Alternative interim arrangements were made within 48 hours with Bolton Council to enable the testing of vehicles to continue. The Licensing Service and the Workshop Manager have been contacting the trade to advise them of the change of venue for testing. The vehicle tests will be carried out by Bury Council Staff.

10.0 NAFN – NATIONAL ANTI-FRAUD NETWORK

- 10.1 Officers of the Licensing Service are currently looking to register onto the NR3 database that is held by NAFN. The NR3 database will hold data on individuals that have either been refused a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire badge or had one revoked. All Greater Manchester Authorities are in the process of registering and uploading of data for the last 5 years. Any individual's information that is to be uploaded will be contacted prior to the upload. Once data is uploaded licensing staff will be checking the database on application or renewal to see if the applicant/licence holder has previously been refused or revoked.

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