



Classification	Item No.
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Meeting:	Licensing & Safety Committee
Meeting date:	11 th November 2021
Title of report:	Operational Report
Report by:	Executive Director (Operations)
Decision Type:	N/A Report for information only
Ward(s) to which report relates	N/A

Executive Summary: A report to advise members on operational issues within the Licensing service.

Recommendation(s)

That the report be noted.

Key considerations

Not applicable

Community impact / Contribution to the Bury 2030 Strategy

Equality Impact and considerations:

24. *Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:*

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;*
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;*
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.*

25. *The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.*

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Assessment of Risk:

The following risks apply to the decision:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
None	.

Consultation:

Legal Implications:

Not Applicable

Financial Implications:

Not Applicable

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Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.

Term	Meaning
None	

1.0 BACKGROUND

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

2.0 COMPLIANCE/ENFORCEMENT

2.1 The Licensing Service have dealt with the following compliance and enforcement matters for the following periods

2.2 28th September to 3rd October**Taxis**

Warned for missing signage – 6

Suspended for missed interim - 1

Suspension lifted interim passed -1

Licensing Act

Suspension notices issued for non-payment of fee - 7

Blue notice checked and not displayed - 1

Risk assessments carried out - 5

Warning re no summary on display – 1

2.3 4th October to 10th October**Taxi**

Vehicle compliance checks all in order - 6

Licences revoked for suspension over 2 months – 4

Damaged vehicle advice given - 2

Licences suspended missed interims - 2

Intelligence re stolen vehicle -1

Intelligence re unlicensed taxi - 1

Suspended for missed interims - 2

Licence cancelled -1

Licensing Act

Compliance checks 8 (6 in order, 1 advice given, 2 blue notice seen)

Enforcement

Noise nuisance advice given - 1

Unlicensed activity advice given -1

Licences suspended advice given - 2

Breaches of condition action to follow - 6

Suspension notice issued for non-payment of fee -1

2.4 11th October to 17th October

Taxi

Final written warning for missing signage - 1

Suspensions for missed interims - 2

Suspension lifted for damaged vehicle - 1

Damaged vehicle suspended - 1

Licensing Act

Suspension notices issued for non-payment of fee - 7

Enforcement action for unlicensed activity - 1

2.5 18th October to 24th October

Taxi

Damaged vehicles noted - 2

Missing signage advice given - 2

Missing signage warning letter - 2

Missed interims suspended - 3

Licensing Act

Compliance checks - 3

Enforcement notices served for non-payment of fee - 11

3.0 ENGAGEMENT WITH THE TAXI TRADE – Stage 2

3.1 Following the trade liaison meeting on the 22nd September 2021, a further taxi trade liaison meeting took place on the 27th October 2021, the Licensing Unit Manager briefed national and local trade representatives on the final stage 2 proposals of the common minimum licensing standards relating to vehicles. This was ahead of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority meeting on the 29th October 2021.

3.2 The current timetable for governance is as follows:

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| • Licensing and Safety Committee | Tonight's meeting |
| • Full Council | 24 th November 2021 |

4.0 LICENSING HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE HEARINGS

4.1 A hearing for an application of a Grant of a Premises Licence in respect of Fuel Up, Manchester Road, Bury, to which two representations were received from Greater Manchester Police and an interested party. The Sub-Committee considered the report and heard the representations. Members resolved to grant the application and attached the conditions agreed with Greater Manchester Police.

4.2 A hearing for an application of a Grant of a Premises Licence in respect of Shop Local A-Z, 58 Walmsley Road, Bury, to which representations were received from Greater Manchester Police and four interested parties. The Sub-Committee considered the report and heard the representations. Members resolved to grant the licence subject to the agreed conditions from Greater Manchester Police and the additional conditions volunteered by the applicant.

5.0 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT FREE FACE COVERING DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME FOR PASSENGERS AND WORKERS

5.1 The Licensing Service have circulated to the trade representatives and private hire operators information on the above programme. The offer to transport bodies of contingency face coverings for use by passengers and workers, at zero cost has been extended to reflect the current expectation and recommendation that people wear face coverings in crowded areas such as public transport, as well as help reduce transmission rates during the winter period.

6.0 NEW ONLINE CHECKER FOR GREATER MANCHESTER CLEAN AIR ZONE

- 6.1 The Licensing Service have sent out emails to all private hire operators, trade representatives and licensed drivers regarding a new online checker for the Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone that TFGM are administering. The information sent stated the following:

In May 2022, Greater Manchester's Clean Air Zone (CAZ) will be implemented across the city region to improve air quality now and for future generations. From late January 2021, applications will be open for financial support to upgrade or retrofit non-compliant taxis and PHVs.

Early application is encouraged to ensure applicants are well-placed to access the available funding. A new online checker is now available on cleanairgm.com/prepare to enable vehicle owners to find out if their vehicle is affected by the Clean Air Zone and whether they are eligible for financial support.

Sign-up for updates to stay up to date at cleanairgm.com If you require further information about Greater Manchester's Clean Air Zone, please contact info@cleanairgm.com

7.0 **BURY HACKNEY ASSOCIATION**

- 7.1 The Licensing Service have recently been notified that a new hackney association has been set up to represent the Hackney carriage drivers/proprietors following a meeting that took place on the 21st October 2021. The Chairman of the association is Mr Khalid Hussain.

The Licensing Service will invite the Bury Hackney Association to any future trade liaison meetings with the Council.