

Classification	Item No.
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Meeting:	Licensing & Safety Committee
Meeting date:	13 January 2022
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

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## **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.

#### 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 6 December to 12 December

#### **Clients**

Complaint 3

**Enforcement 5** 

**Vehicles** 

**Enforcement 5** 

**Premises** 

Complaint 2

**Enforcement 3** 

Multi agency visits 2

#### 2.3 **13 December to 19 December**

#### Clients

Complaint 5

**Enforcement 3** 

#### **Operators**

Enforcement 2

#### **Premises**

Enforcement 7

#### **Vehicles**

**Enforcement 15** 

#### 3.0 SECOND TESTING STATION

3.1 The Licensing Service have been working with the Council's Procurement Section in respect of a concession to provide a second testing station for the testing of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles. The opportunity closed at 12 noon on 22 December 2021. An update will be given to members at the meeting.

## 4.0 THE HEALTH PROTECTION (CORONAVIRUS, RESTRICTIONS) (ENTRY TO VENUES AND EVENTS) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2021

- 4.1 The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Entry to Venues and Events) (England) Regulations 2021 came into force on 15 December 2021 and provide new legal requirements for;
  - All nightclubs
  - any other venue that is open between 1am-5am WITH alcohol AND music AND dancing. The Regulations have provided a new legal requirement for venues (as detailed above) and events to check that all visitors aged 18 years or over are either
  - fully vaccinated (currently a full course of vaccination without the need for a booster, but this will be kept under review), OR
  - have proof of a negative test in the last 48 hours, OR
  - they have a legal exemption.

This means to gain entry into these venues or be inside a venue between 1am - 5am anyone aged 18 years or over must

- show their NHS COVID Pass, or
- show alternative documented proof of a negative test result, such as an email or text proof (from NHS England). A physical lateral flow test kit must not be accepted – the person who undertook the test must upload the result to the NHS England website who will then issue the individual with a text or email notification.

Letters and emails have been sent out to those premises licensed for the sale of alcohol after 1am to inform them of these new regulations.