



Classification	Item No.
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Meeting:	Licensing & Safety Committee
Meeting date:	20 July 2023
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

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 **29 May – 4 June**

Client

Complaint 1

Enforcement 7

Premises

Multi Agency 16

Enforcement 4

Vehicle

Enforcement 11

2.3 5 June – 11 June**Client**

Complaint 6

Enforcement 5

Operator

Complaint 2

Compliance 1

Enforcement 2

Premises

Advice 2

Compliance 11

Enforcement 24

Vehicle

Enforcement 91

2.4 12 June – 18 June**Client**

Complaint 4

Premises

Complaint 2

Enforcement 9

Vehicles

Enforcement 3

2.5 19 June – 25 June

Client

Complaint 5

Enforcement 4

Operator

Complaint 2

Compliance 1

Premises

Complaint 2

Compliance 1

Enforcement 20

Multi agency 15

Vehicles

Enforcement 7

2.6 26 June – 2 July

Client

Complaint 2

Enforcement 2

Premises

Complaint 3

Compliance 1

Enforcement 4

Vehicles

Enforcement 3

3.0 LICENSING HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING

3.1 Review – Club 66 24 Silver Street Bury

On the 27 March 2023, Greater Manchester Police submitted an application to the Licensing Authority for a Review of the Premises Licence in respect of Club 66, 24 Silver Street, Bury. Members will recall that an urgent item was listed at the Meeting of the Licensing and Safety Committee on the 17 April 2023 to request that the period for the hearings be extended.

Under the relevant legislation, time limits can be extended where it is in the public interest to do so and that by reason of special circumstances relating to the local government election and timing of committee appointments, the Licensing Authority requested that the deadline for holding the hearing be extended until the week commencing the 12th June

2023. This would also allow for any new Members of the Licensing Committee to receive the appropriate training.

The Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee took place on the 13 June 2023, Members considered the application and appropriate evidence from Greater Manchester Police and decided to revoke the premises licence and to remove the designated premises supervisor.

- 3.2 The Licensing Service have received an application to Transfer the premises licence and to vary the designated premises supervisor at Club 66, 24 Silver Street, Bury. Greater Manchester Police have made representations to both of these applications which were scheduled to be considered by the Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee on the 4 July 2023.

The Licensing Service have been advised that the proposed designated premises supervisor no longer wishes to be named on the premises Licence and the new Limited company have confirmed that they do not wish the licence to be transferred to them. The premises licence has now reverted back to the previous owners.

4.0 PARKLIFE

- 4.1 Officers from the Licensing and Trading Standards Services locate with Public Protection worked on the 9 until 11 June covering the Courteeners and Parklife events held at Heaton Park. Officers dealt with issues relating to the following matters:-

- Illegal Street Trading
- Enforcement of Hackney Carriage and Private hire legislation.- 78 Vehicles licensed by other authorities identified for reporting for, various issues e.g. plying, damage, missing signs or refusing to move on and causing obstruction
- Checking of Pedlars Certificates
- Checking of Licensed Premises
- Unlicensed Takeaways
- Assisted GMP with seizure of a Private hire vehicle

Officers will feedback their findings at the debrief meeting that will be held in due course. A thank you has been received from Greater Manchester Police regarding the Officers from Public Protection for their hard work during the event and, keeping young people safe and looking after residents.

5.0 MULTI AGENCY VISITS – TOBACCO DOG

- 5.1 On Friday 23 June, Officers from Trading Standards, Licensing and Greater Manchester Police carried out visits alongside a dog handler from Wagtails, with a tobacco dog, to 5 premises across the Borough. From 5 premises visited, seizures were made from 4 of illegal vapes and illicit tobacco. In total 17,360 illicit cigarettes, 7.95 kg of hand rolling tobacco and 1876 illegal vapes were seized with a street value of £33,151. A fire and environmental health issue was also raised at one premise.

6.0 LEE RIGBY CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH – BURY FOOTBALL CLUB

- 6.1 On Saturday 24 June, the Deputy Licensing Officer worked alongside the GMP Licensing Officer for the Lee Rigby charity football match taking place at Bury Football Club. Nine licensed premises in the town centre and three licensed premises closer to the stadium were visited, two were given advice. The football stadium was also visited, and the appropriate advice and guidance issued.

7.0 IMMEDIATE REVOCATION OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

- 7.1 Due to an article in the Bury Times entitled “Eight charged in connection with suspected county lines drugs network”, The Licensing Service became aware that a licensed private hire driver in Bury had been in court for drugs offences. On the 29 June 2023, the Licensing Service received confirmation from Greater Manchester Police about the private hire driver. On receipt of this information the Licensing Unit Manager in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing and Safety Committee decided to revoke with immediate effect his licence in the interests of Public Safety.

Community impact / links with Community Strategy

Not applicable

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.*

Equality Analysis	Please provide a written explanation of the outcome(s) of either conducting an initial or full EA.
The Licensing Service have considered the Equality Act 2010 and due to each application being dealt with on its own merits there is no positive or negative on any of the protected characteristics.	

Assessment of Risk:

The following risks apply to the decision:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
None	.

Consultation:

Not applicable

Legal Implications:

Not applicable

Financial Implications:

Not Applicable

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Term	Meaning
None	