

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Item No.</b>
<b>Open / Closed</b>	

<b>Meeting:</b>	Licensing and Safety Committee
<b>Meeting date:</b>	23 January 2025
<b>Title of report:</b>	Operational Report
<b>Report by:</b>	Executive Director (Operations)
<b>Decision Type:</b>	N/A Report for information only
<b>Ward(s) to which report relates</b>	All

**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 **9 to 15 December**

**Client**

Complaint 3

Enforcement 2

Intelligence 1

**Premises**

Complaint 2

Compliance 2

Enforcement 2

Multi Agency 10

**Vehicle**

Enforcement 5

2.3 **16 to 22 December**

**Client**

Complaint 2

**Premises**

Compliant 2

Enforcement 1

Multi Agency 11

**Vehicle**

Enforcement 8

2.4 **23 to 29 December**

**Vehicle**

Enforcement 1

2.5 **30 December to 5 January**

**Client**

Complaint 4

Enforcement 3

**Vehicle**

Enforcement 3

**Premise**

Complaint 2

Enforcement 2

## 2.6 **6 to 12 January**

### **Client**

Complaint 4

Enforcement 5

### **Premises**

Enforcement 14

Multi Agency 1

### **Vehicle**

Enforcement 27

## **3.0 LICENSING HEARINGS SUB COMMITTEE**

3.1 On the 18 December 2024, an application to vary a premises licence at Village News, 477 Bury New Road, Prestwich M25 1AD. The application attracted two representations from Responsible Authorities namely Greater Manchester Police and the Public Health Service. A petition containing 80 signatures was received from the applicant's representative. Members considered the evidence before them and decided to grant the variation subject to the following amendments.

The operating schedule will change from its existing opening times of

06:00hrs – 23:00hrs, 7 days a week to

06:00hrs – 1:00hrs, 7 days a week

The supply of alcohol will change from its existing times of

07:00hrs – 23:00hrs 7 days a week to

07:00hrs – 1:00hrs 7 days a week.

A magnetic door lock system will be installed at the front of the premises, whereby all customers shall only be served via a magnetic door between the hours of 23.00 and 01.00 every day. The premises will remain closed during these hours until such time that a magnetic door lock system has been installed and was operational.

The Sub-Committee felt the amended hours were more in keeping with the other licenced premises in the surrounding area was therefore satisfied that on the balance of probability there was sufficient evidence presented that had demonstrated some of the following licensing objectives would not be met if the store was open 24 hours a day and would fail the:-

- the prevention of crime and disorder

- public safety

The reasons by the sub-committee, included:-

- Data evidence from GMP PACT meetings of a clear link and increase in crime and disorder linked to alcohol sales.
- Evidence from Public Health of alcohol related health problems in the area.
- Vulnerable people living nearby on the social housing estate, some of whom will have drug and alcohol addiction.

The evidence presented and supporting documents were deemed sufficient evidence to make amendments to the variation of the licence. Details on the right for an appeal were provided to the applicant.

### 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.*

<b>Equality Analysis</b>	<i>Please provide a written explanation of the outcome(s) of either conducting an initial or full EA.</i>
<i>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.</i>	

**Assessment of Risk:**

The following risks apply to the decision:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
None	

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**Consultation:**

Not applicable

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**Legal Implications:**

Not applicable

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**Financial Implications:**

Not Applicable

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Term	Meaning
None	