

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	Licensing and Safety Committee
<b>Meeting date:</b>	10 April 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 **13 to 19 January**

**Client**

Complaint 2

Enforcement 8

**Premises**

Complaint 2  
Enforcement 16

**Vehicles**

Enforcement 9

2.3 **20 to 26 January**

**Client**

Complaint 5  
Enforcement 5

**Premises**

Enforcement 15  
Multi Agency 8

**Vehicles**

Enforcement 11

2.4 **27 January to 2 February**

**Client**

Complaint 3  
Intel 1

**Premises**

Enforcement 3  
Intel 1  
Multi Agency 1

**Vehicles**

Enforcement 5

2.5 **3 to 9 February**

**Client**

Enforcement 5

**Premises**

Complaint 2  
Enforcement 3

**Vehicles**

Enforcement 8

2.6 **10 to 16 February**

**Client**

Enforcement 5

**Premises**

Enforcement 8  
Multi Agency Visits 2

**Vehicles**

Enforcement 7

Update 1

2.7 **17 to 23 February**

**Client**

Complaint 2

Enforcement 2

**Premises**

Enforcement 5

**Vehicles**

Enforcement 9

2.8 **24 February to 2 March**

**Premises**

Multi Agency 7

Enforcement 4

**Vehicles**

Enforcement 8

2.9 **3 to 9 March**

**Client**

Enforcement 5

**Premises**

Complaint 3

Enforcement 6

Multi Agency 2

**Vehicles**

Compliance 2

Enforcement 7

2.10 **10 to 16 March**

**Client**

Complaint 3

Enforcement 4

**Premises**

Complaint 4

Enforcement 3

**Vehicles**

Enforcement 7

2.11 **17 to 23 March**

**Client**

Complaint 2

**Premises**

Enforcement 4

Multi Agency 2

**Vehicles**

Enforcement 6

2.12 **24 to 30 March**

**Client**

Complaint 3

Enforcement 3

Update 1

**Vehicle**

Complaint 1

Enforcement 3

**Premise**

Enforcement 1

**3.0 LICENSING HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**3.1** On the 26 February 2025, an application for the grant of a premises licence at Beytoushi Market, 406 Bury Old Road, Prestwich M25 1BD. The application attracted three representations from Responsible Authorities namely Greater Manchester Police, Trading Standards and the Licensing Authority. The Licensing Service received notification that the applicant had withdrawn the application, therefore the hearing did not take place.

**3.2** On the 27 February 2025, an application to vary the designated premises supervisor on the premises licence at Venezia, 5 Square Street, Ramsbottom BL0 9BE. The application attracted a representation from a Responsible Authority namely Greater Manchester Police. The Licensing Service received notification that the applicant had withdrawn the application, therefore the hearing did not take place.

## **4.0 TRADE LIAISON MEETING**

4.1 On the 24 February 2025, A trade liaison meeting took place with representatives from the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire trades and the Licensing Service. Issues were discussed and the minutes of the meeting will be published on the Council's website.

## **5.0 Greater Manchester Clean Air Update**

5.1 Transport for Greater Manchester requested the Licensing Service to circulate to the hackney carriage and private hire trade an information document relating to the GM Clean Air Plan. This was circulated on the 10 February 2025.

The information document stated that:-

Government has approved the investment-led GM Clean Air Plan with NO Clean Air Zone or charges to drive on local roads.

The plan includes a package of measures to clean up the city-region's air through investment in cleaner buses, taxis and some local traffic measures in the regional centre (Manchester and Salford).

Under the approved Clean Air Plan, £8m taxi funding has been allocated by government to support moving Greater Manchester's hackney taxi fleet to cleaner vehicles. That is less than the £30.5m Clean Taxi Fund requested to support the GM-licensed hackney and private hire trade upgrade to cleaner vehicles linked to minimum emission standards.

### **What does this mean for the GM-licensed taxi trade?**

The taxi trade expected a £30.5m dedicated fund to support their transition to cleaner vehicles linked to minimum emissions standards. In turn, this has resulted in some vehicle owners delaying upgrades, meaning an older GM taxi fleet. The approved investment-led package includes £8m to support moving Greater Manchester's hackney taxi fleet to cleaner vehicles.

GM leaders are committed to ensuring that GM-licensed vehicle owners have access to financial assistance. This is to uphold the local minimum emissions standards now mandated by all Greater Manchester local authorities; and mitigate the impact of competition from out-of-area licensees.

All GM local authorities have adopted a minimum emission standard into licensing conditions by 31 December 2025. The requirement is for GM-licensed taxis to meet a minimum vehicle emission standard (Euro 4 petrol / Euro 6 diesel / fully Zero Emissions Capable (ZEC) electric vehicle).

### **Next steps**

Greater Manchester will now look at how best to use the taxi funding to support local vehicle upgrades to a cleaner taxi fleet. This will consider any impacts to

implementing the end of transition period for existing vehicles that do not meet the emissions standard. This will include a review of the taxi funding requirement based on the latest taxi licensing data. No date for when taxi funds will open is available yet. Proposals and timelines for next steps, including funds opening, will be presented at an upcoming Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) meeting.

## 6.0 PARTNERSHIP WORKING

6.1 On the 20 and 21 March 2025, officers from the Licensing Service and Trading Standards Service worked in partnership with Greater Manchester Police, Immigration and HMRC. They visited 7 premises in total and seized the following products: -

- 1503 Illegal Vapes which equated to £20,000 in street value.
- £400 in Sisha

Whilst undertaking the visits, a fire safety issue was identified relating to a person living upstairs and there was no means of escape in the event of a fire. This has been referred to the Fire Service to take the necessary enforcement action they deem appropriate.

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### Community impact / links with Community Strategy

Not applicable

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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.*

<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>	

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**Assessment of Risk:**

The following risks apply to the decision:

<b>Risk / opportunity</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
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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**Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.**

Term	Meaning
None	