

Classification	Item No.
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Meeting:	Licensing and Safety Committee
Meeting date:	5 June 2025
Title of report:	Operational Report
Report by:	Executive Director (Corporate Core)
Decision Type:	N/A Report for information only
Ward(s) to which report relates	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 7-13 April

Client

Complaint 2

Enforcement 1

Premises

Multi Agency 2

Vehicles

Enforcement 7

2.2 **14-20 April**

Client

Enforcement 3

Vehicles

Enforcement 4

2.3 **21-27 April**

Client

Complaint 3

Enforcement 4

Operator

Complaint 2

Premises

Complaint 5

Enforcement 20

Intelligence 1

Vehicles

Enforcement 6

2.4 **28 April – 4 May**

Client

Complaint 4

Enforcement 1

Premises

Complaint 2

Compliance 1

Enforcement 7

Vehicles

Enforcement 3

2.5 **5 – 11 May**

Client

Complaint 3

Enforcement 4

Premises

Enforcement 7

Multi Agency 25

Vehicles

Complaint 2

Enforcement 2

2.6 **12-18 May**

Client

Complaint 4

Enforcement 4

Premises

Complaint 3

Enforcement 3

Vehicles

Enforcement 6

2.7 **19-25 May**

Client

Complaint 2

Enforcement 5

Update 1

Other 1

Premises

Complaint 2

Update 2

Multi-Agency 19

Vehicles

Complaint 3

Enforcement 4

3.0 LICENSING HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE

- 3.1 On the 24 April 2025, an application for the grant of a new premises licence was considered by the Sub-Committee in respect of the Engine Shed, Rowlands Road, Summerseat, which had attracted a representation from an interested party. Members granted the application as applied for.

4.0 PARKLIFE / OASIS UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4.1 The Deputy Licensing Officer has been attending meetings for both upcoming events and feeding into the Community Impact Plan. Officers will be working for all events, and work has started in the way of advice visits to licensed premises discussing what their plans are for the events. Letters have been sent out to residents and businesses regarding Street Trading during the event.

5.0 OPERATION AVRO

- 5.1 Operation Avro was a partnership initiative that took place on 10/04/2025. This involved Greater Manchester Police, Licensing, Trading Standards, Immigration and a detection dog conducting proactive visits to several vape shops and off licences. During these visits licensing breaches were identified and a large quantity of illicit tobacco, illegal vapes and counterfeit goods were seized. This included 384 packs of Cigarettes (7480 sticks), 43 packets of hand rolling tobacco (2.15 kg) and 1218 vapes. In total £25,000 of items were seized, protecting public health from these unsafe items.

6.0 TAXI DRIVER SAFETY INFORMATION

- .1 Following intelligence received from Greater Manchester Police regarding an increase in vehicle theft, the Licensing Service have sent an email to all licensed drivers, private hire operators and trade representatives to inform them of the intelligence. The email stated the following:
Good morning,

The Licensing Service have been notified by Greater Manchester Police that there has been a small spike in theft/attempted theft from motor vehicles particularly on the edge of Bury town centre. One of these thefts was from a taxi. Please be assured that there is no evidence to say that Taxis are being targeted, but the nature of incidents have been the smashing of a windows of parked cars to grab any available money. Therefore, could I remind you that you should not have money/valuables on show or left in a vehicle.

Please look at the following link which gives information about how taxi drivers can improve their safety.

<https://www.bury.gov.uk/business/licensing/taxi-licensing/driver-safety-guide-for-hackney-carriage-and-private-hire-drivers>

As always if you see anything suspicious, please contact Greater Manchester Police on 101 or report [online](#); in cases of emergency please call 999.

7.0 GM Engagement Exercise

- 7.1** Following the round table event that took place on the 16 April 2025 where representatives of the hackney carriage and private hire trades were present to communicate the position that all 10 Leaders had discussed and to officially launch the campaign; 'Backing Our Taxis: Local. Licensed. Trusted'. Many representatives from the Bury were in attendance and the proposals were discussed.

The online survey about GM Licensing is now live at

<https://www.gmconsult.org/transport/gmtaxisurvey>

The survey results will inform a plan to make licensing in Greater Manchester the first choice for drivers, vehicle owners and operators and will remain available until 2 June 2025.

Aecom an independent research company, on behalf of Greater Manchester local authorities and Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) to undertake an engagement exercise with the following stakeholders:

- Representatives from trade representatives from the GM Taxi Trade
- Executive Members/Chairs of Licensing Committee
- Non GM Drivers from the Taxi Trade.

As of 14 May 2025, there have been 82 responses from the Taxi Trade in Bury and 1442 responses across GM

Aecom are running in person sessions for those licence holders who are not confident completing the survey online, the date for Bury is 4 June 2025 at the Town Hall between 10.00am to 2.00pm

8.0 Immediate Revocation of a Private Hire Driver

- 8.1** A private hire driver has declared a conviction for driving or attempting to drive with an alcohol level above the legal limit. The driver also failed to declare the conviction within 24 hours as required by his private hire driver conditions. The Licensing Service consulted with the Chair of this Committee which resulted in his private hire driving licence being immediately revoked 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	<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	.

Consultation:

Not applicable

Legal Implications:

Not applicable

Financial Implications:

Not Applicable

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Term	Meaning
None	