

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	Licensing and Safety Committee
<b>Meeting date:</b>	6 November 2025
<b>Title of report:</b>	Operational Report
<b>Report by:</b>	Executive Director (Corporate Core)
<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 8-14 September 2025**

##### **Client**

Complaint 2

Enforcement 3

**Premises**

Enforcement 5

Complaint 2

**Vehicles**

Enforcement 2

2.2 **15-21 September 2025**

**Client**

Complaint 1

Enforcement 1

**Premises**

Enforcement 4

**Vehicles**

Enforcement 3

2.3 **22-28 September 2025**

**Client**

Complaint 3

**Premises**

Compliance 3

Enforcement 3

2.4 **29 September – 5 October**

**Client**

Complaint 3

Enforcement 7

**Premises**

Enforcement 3

**Vehicles**

Enforcement 2

2.5 **6-12 October**

**Client**

Enforcement 6

### **Premises**

Enforcement 4

### **Vehicles**

Enforcement 7

## **2.6 13 – 19 October**

### **Client**

Complaint 3

Enforcement 16

### **Premises**

Multi Agency 5

### **Vehicles**

Enforcement 8

## **2.7 20 – 26 October 2025**

### **Client**

Complaint 6

Enforcement 6

### **Premises**

Enforcement 4

Complaints 2

### **Vehicles**

Enforcement 6

## **3.0 IMMEDIATE SUSPENSIONS**

- 3.1 The Licensing Service have acted against 5 licensed private hire drivers due to them not being registered on the DBS update service or a certificate was no longer valid due to a change on their certificate. Following consultation with the Chair of the Committee it was decided to immediately suspend five private hire drivers in the interests of public safety. Since this action has been taken one driver has cancelled his licence and one has obtained a new enhanced DBS Certificate and registered on the update service.
- 3.2 The Licensing Service have acted against a further eleven licensed private hire drivers due to them not being registered on the DBS update service or a certificate was no longer valid due to a change on their certificate. Following consultation with the Chair of the Committee it was decided to immediately suspend eleven private hire drivers in the interests of public safety
- 3.3 The Licensing Service have acted against a one licensed private hire drivers due to him not being registered on the DBS update service. Following consultation with the Chair of the

Committee it was decided to immediately suspend his e private hire drivers in the interests of public safety

#### **4.0 IMMEDIATE REVOCATION**

- 4.1 The Licensing Service have revoked with immediate effect a private hire driver due to intelligence and conduct. Following consultation with the Chair of the Committee it was decided to immediately suspend his e private hire drivers in the interests of public safety.

#### **5.0 LICENSING HEARINGS SUB COMMITTEES**

- 5.1 On the 3 October 2025, a Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee took place to consider an application for the grant of a premises licence at Prestwich Store, 3 Fairfax Road, Prestwich. The application had attracted representations from Trading Standards and Greater Manchester Police. After hearing the evidence, members decided to refuse the application.
- 5.2 On the 3 October 2025, a Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee was due to take place to consider an application for the grant of a premises licence at The Rock Convenience Store, 43 The Rock, Bury. The application had attracted representations from Trading Standards and an Interested party (Member of the Public). The Licensing Service were advised that the applicant wished to withdraw the application prior to the date of the scheduled hearing.

#### **6.0 PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

- 6.1 On 16 October Licensing Enforcement Officers visited seven premises across the Borough as part of Op Machinize alongside officers from Greater Manchester Police, HMRC, Immigration, Trading Standards, Environmental Health and a tobacco dog. Operation Machinize, is the ongoing NCA-coordinated operation to tackle money laundering and criminal use of cash-intensive high street businesses. 888 packets of Illicit cigarettes and 108 pouches of hand rolling tobacco were seized as well as 199 illegal disposable vapes and 76 counterfeit toys and 10 counterfeit pairs of headphones with an approximate street value of £22,500.

#### **7.0 SECOND TESTING STATION**

- 7.1 Members will recall a report that was considered in relation to the Second Testing Station. Members decided to undertake a procurement exercise. Due to work demands within the Councils Procurement Section, resulted in the extension of the contract via Operational Decisions.
- 7.2 In July 2025 a notice was published on the Council's tendering portal, The Chest seeking expressions of interested parties to determine the level of interest within the marketplace of garages able to undertake the required HCV/PHV certificate of compliance tests. As with the previous process the main stipulation was that suitably qualified DVSA certified garages must be based within the borough boundary. The notice was placed on the portal on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025 with a closing time and date for the registration of expressions of interest set at 17.00 on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025. Eleven organisations submitted their interest, however only one organisation was located within the borough.

- 7.3 The concessionary contract will commence for the provision of private hire and hackney carriage vehicle testing for the period from 01 November 2025 to 31 October 2026 with options to extend for two further twelve-month periods until 31 October 2028.

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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.*

**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.*

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### 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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**Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.**

Term	Meaning
None	