

Classification	Item No.
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Meeting:	Licensing and Safety Committee
Meeting date:	10 September 2026
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 The table below shows the dealing that the Licensing Service have dealt with since the last Committee meeting in July until the 28 August 2026 in respect of Clients and Vehicles

3.0	Enforcement Action	Number of Actions	Summary of Actions	Action Taken
	Missing signage	2	Vehicles found without required licence signage/display requirements.	Advice given / update recorded.
	Ranking infringement	1	Vehicle reported for ranking infringement.	Written warning issued.
	Damaged vehicle	10	Vehicles reported with damage requiring investigation or inspection.	Emailed proprietor, noted, suspended, or suspension lifted depending on circumstances.
	Missed Interim Inspection	4	Vehicles failed to attend required interim inspection.	Immediate suspension of vehicle licence.
	Vehicle licence revocation	2	Vehicles exceeded permitted suspension period.	Vehicle licence revoked.
	Licence cancelled/surrendered	4	Licences cancelled following updates, accidents or proprietor surrender.	Licence surrendered and cancelled.
	DBS Non-Compliance	2	Drivers failed to maintain DBS requirements or DBS update service requirements.	Immediate suspension.
	Failure to return badge	1	Driver failed to return issued badge when required.	Written warning issued.
	Driver conduct complaint	1	Complaint regarding driver conduct.	Written warning issued.
	Overcharging complaint	1	Complaint alleging fare overcharging.	Matter noted/investigated.
	Miscellaneous complaints/issues	3	General complaints, updates and miscellaneous matters.	Noted or written advice provided.

Convictions declared	2	Drivers disclosed convictions to the Licensing Authority.	Information noted and reviewed.
Information requests	1	Request for information received.	Information provided.

Enforcement Action Totals

Outcome	Number
Immediate Suspensions	6
Written Warnings	3
Revocations	2
Licence Cancellations/Surrenders	4
Advice/Information Provided	4
Matters Noted/Recorded	8
Suspension Lifted	4

2.2 The table below shows the dealing that the Licensing Service have dealt with since the last Committee meeting in respect of premises:-

Enforcement Action	Number of Actions	Summary of Actions	Action Taken
Underage Sales / Underage Persons on Premises	2	Reports relating to underage persons being present on licensed premises.	Referred to GMP and follow-up night visit arranged.
Incorrect Summary Display	2	Premises found not to be correctly displaying the premises licence summary.	Advice provided or premises visit arranged
Anti-Social Behaviour	2	Complaints and incidents relating to anti-social behaviour associated with licensed premises.	Advice given or further update pending.
Business Liquidation	2	Premises subject to liquidation proceedings affecting licence status.	Advice given or licence lapsed.

Blue Notice Checks	8	Compliance checks undertaken to confirm display of statutory blue notices.	Notices either observed as displayed or not displayed.
Unlicensed Activity	1	Premises identified as potentially undertaking licensable activities without the required authorisation.	Written warning issued.
Violent Incident	1	Intelligence received regarding a violent incident at licensed premises.	Action Plan implemented.
Multi-Agency Visit	1	Joint inspection identified drug paraphernalia at premises.	Advice given following visit.
Illicit Cigarettes	1	Trading Standards investigation identified illicit tobacco products.	Trading Standards seizure undertaken.
Miscellaneous Trading Standards Matter	1	Miscellaneous compliance matter investigated by Trading Standards.	Trading Standards seizure undertaken.
Intelligence Report	1	Intelligence received concerning licensed premises.	Information noted for monitoring purposes.
Assault Complaint	1	Assault-related complaint associated with licensed premises.	Correspondence sent to premises.
Compliance Inspection	1	Routine premises inspection undertaken.	All found to be in order.

Summary of Enforcement Outcomes

Outcome	Number of Actions
Advice Given	5
Written Warnings	1
Referrals to GMP	1
Action Plans Implemented	1
Trading Standards Seizures	2
Visits Arranged	1
Emailed Correspondence	1

Intelligence Noted	1
Licence Lapsed	1
Updates Pending	1
Compliance Confirmed	1

3.0 LICENSING HEARINGS SUB- COMMITTEES

- 3.1 On the 8 April 2026, a Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee considered an application for the review of a premises licence for Radcliffe Snooker Club, Abden Street, Radcliffe. The application was submitted by Greater Manchester Police. Members considered the application and decided to modify the conditions on the premises licence.
- 3.2 On the 14 April 2026, a Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee considered an application for the grant of a new premises licence in respect of Central Café. The application attracted representations from Greater Manchester Police and two interested parties. Members considered the application and decided to grant the application and modified the conditions in relation to hours.
- 3.3 On the 24 April 2026, a Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee considered an application for the review of a premises licence for the Black Bull, Ainsworth Road, Starling, Bury. The application was submitted by five interested parties. Members considered the application and decided to take no further action.
- 3.4 On the 6 July 2026, a Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee considered a personal licence where the holder had convictions, Members considered the application and decided to defer the application to allow for further legal information to be sort and for GMP and the licence holder to seek their own independent legal advice.
- 3.5 On the 27 August 2026, a Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee considered an application for the grant of a new premises licence in respect of Bill and Co, 9 Square Street, Ramsbottom. The application attracted representations from four interested parties. Members considered the application and decided to grant the application and modified the hours.

4.0 IMMEDIATE SUSPENSIONS

41. Following consultation with the Chair of the Licensing and Safety Committee, the licensing Service have immediately suspended 6 drivers due to them no longer being registered on the DBS update Service

5.0 PRIVATE HIRE SUPPORT FUND

- 5.1 Members are advised that Bury Council is supporting the Greater Manchester Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) Support Fund, a regional initiative aimed at improving air quality by assisting eligible private hire vehicle proprietors to replace older, non-compliant vehicles with cleaner alternatives.

- 5.2 The £2 million fund will provide grants of up to £2,500 to eligible private hire vehicle licence holders to replace non-compliant vehicles. The scheme is being administered by the Growth Company on behalf of the ten Greater Manchester local authorities.
- 5.3 The fund is targeted at proprietors of diesel-powered private hire vehicles first registered before 1 September 2015 that do not meet the required emissions standards. Eligible applicants will be able to apply for financial assistance towards the purchase of a compliant replacement vehicle, including zero-emission capable vehicles and vehicles meeting the required Euro emissions standards. Wheelchair accessible vehicles replaced through the scheme must be replaced with another wheelchair accessible vehicle.
- 5.4 Ahead of the fund opening in September 2026, Bury Council has issued communications to all licensed private hire vehicle proprietors to ensure that those who may be eligible are aware of the support available. Licence holders have been directed to an online eligibility checker and encouraged to begin considering suitable replacement vehicles where appropriate.
- 5.5 Once the fund opens, eligible applicants will be required to submit an application through a dedicated portal and provide the necessary supporting documentation. Successful applicants will receive a Fund Award Notification and will have four months to purchase and licence a compliant replacement vehicle before grant payment is released. The grant will be paid following submission of evidence that the replacement vehicle has been licensed with the local authority.

6.0 TRADE LIAISON MEETING

- 6.1 On the 7 September 2026, the Licensing Service held trade liaison meeting with the Hackney and Private Trade. A verbal update will be given at this meeting

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

Term	Meaning
None	