

REPORT FOR DECISION

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| DECISION OF: | LICENSING & SAFETY PANEL |
| DATE: | 3rd SEPTEMBER 2013 |
| SUBJECT: | OPERATIONAL REPORT |
| REPORT FROM: | ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LOCALITIES) |
| CONTACT OFFICER: | W A JOHNSON |
| TYPE OF DECISION: | N/A – Report for information only |
| FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS: | This paper is in the public domain |
| SUMMARY: | A report to advise members on operational issues within the licensing service. |
| IMPLICATIONS: | |
| Wards Affected: | N/A |
| Scrutiny Interest: | Internal Scrutiny Panel |

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The report advises Members on operational issues within the licensing service.

2.0 Taxi Licensing Forum

On the 1st August 2013, Councillor Jones and Council officers met with representatives of the hackney carriage and private hire trades. A copy of the minutes of the meeting are attached at Appendix 1

3.0 Licensing Act Hearings

- 3.1 On the 22nd July 2013, a Licensing Hearings Panel considered an application for a grant of a premises licence for off sales in respect of 88 Bury Old Road. Representations were received from Greater Manchester Police requesting conditions on the licence which were subsequently agreed by the applicant. In addition to this 6 representations were received from interested parties. After hearing all the evidence, the members of the panel decided to grant and add the conditions to the licence.

4.0 Review of the reporting mechanism relating to the testing of vehicles at Bradley Fold

The Licensing Section are currently reviewing the reporting mechanism in relation to the testing of vehicles at Bradley Fold with the licensing software providers Lalpac. The hope is that this will enable detailed statistics to be produced on how many tests have been undertaken, the number of failures and faults identified and the nature of those identified faults for regular reporting to Panel and the trade. The trade representatives were notified of the review at the meeting on the 1st August 2013.

5.0 Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013

The Licensing Section are currently developing processes in respect of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 which replaces the previous registration system for scrap metal dealers created by the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964. It creates a new licensing regime which will be administered by local authorities. This will require every scrap metal dealer to have a licence. Under the new legislation the definition of scrap metal dealers is extended to include motor salvage operators. Existing operators will be able to continue trading under the transitional arrangements. The provisions of the Act will commence on the 1st October 2013.

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