

Taxi Licensing Administration & Compliance Activities – Q2 2017/18

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The report provides information on the activities the taxi licensing service has undertaken during quarter 2 of the 2017/18 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the contents of the report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The information provided in this report is for member information only.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The statistics for taxi licensing and associated licensing compliance activities for quarter two of 2017/18 are attached at Appendix 2.
- 4.2 The information contained at Appendix 2 sets out the number of requests for service received by the Licensing Team and the number of licences processed during that particular period.
- 4.3 The information contained at Appendix 3 sets out the vehicle compliance work carried out during the particular period. Using a risk-based approach, Licensing Compliance & Enforcement Officers will often identify vehicles to inspect that appear to fall below the Council's standards for licensed vehicles. It is important therefore to understand that these statistics do not necessarily indicate the condition of all licensed vehicles.
- 4.4 The information contained at Appendix 4 sets out the knowledge test statistics for the quarter and other compliance / enforcement related exercises undertaken throughout the particular period.
- 4.5 A breakdown of licensed vehicles by registration year for the particular period can be found at Appendix 5.

IMPLICATIONS**Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 None directly arising from this report.

Legal

- 2.1 None directly arising from this report.

Personnel

- 3.1 None directly arising from this report.

IT

- 4.1 None directly arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 None directly arising from this report.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None directly arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None directly arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None directly arising from this report.

Risk Management

- 9.1 None directly arising from this report.

TAXI LICENSING QUARTERLY STATISTICS

APPLICATIONS PROCESSED											
REQUESTS FOR SERVICE	HACKNEY VEHICLES		HACKNEY DRIVERS		OPERATORS		PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES		PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS		VEHICLE TRANSFERS
	New	Renewal	New	Renewal	New	Renewal	New	Renewal	New	Renewal	
33 (22)	17 (12)	74 (82)	2 (2)	1 (5)	2 (7)	0 (0)	106 (113)	205 (223)	15 (20)	6 (4)	7 (8)

NO.s OF PEOPLE REQUESTING SERVICE	AVERAGE SERVICE TIME	AVERAGE WAITING TIME
946 (856)	8 (8) mins	9 (9) mins

TOTAL NUMBER OF CURRENT LICENCES (as at 30 October 2017)	
Hackney Carriage Drivers	351 (352)
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	286 (283)
Private Hire Drivers	924 (920)
Private Hire Vehicles	1006 (980)
Private Hire Operators	122 (120)

() denotes previous quarter figures

OTHER COMPLIANCE/ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

KNOWLEDGE TESTS

		Delegates Booked	Failed to Attend	Passed	Pass Rate of those Attending %
No. of Sessions Offered	9 (11)				
Hackney Carriage		1 (2)	0 (0)	0 (2)	0 (100)
Private Hire		36 (79)	7 (11)	4 (10)	11 (12.6)

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TAXI ENFORCEMENT WORK

One day time enforcement exercise was undertaken with Derbyshire Constabulary. 8 licensed vehicles were inspected. 5 vehicles were suspended, all 5 were also served with a police prohibition notice.

NVQ QUALIFICATION

As of 30 October 2017:

	Hackney Drivers	Private Hire Drivers
Current Suspensions	0	0

TAXI LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE STATISTICS

No. of Reports in Total by type		Outcomes by type		No. of Decisions different to Officer Recommendation	
Convictions (new driver)	3	No action	1	Agreed	2
Convictions (existing driver)	0	Grant	0	Disagreed (see table below)	1
Caution (new driver)	0	Grant with warning	1	No recommendation made by officers	2
Caution (existing driver)	0	Renew with warning	0	Deferred	0
Arrest & Charge	0	Warning	0		
Complaints	1	Warning with training	0		
Complaint and Failure to comply with committee decisions	0	Suspension	0		
Repeated vehicle suspensions	0	Suspended until Training Completed	1		
Plying for hire	0	Suspension with training	0		
Historical Information	0	Revocation	0		
Breach of Conditions	0	Deferred	0		
Social Care Concerns – Sexual Assault	0	Refused (new/renewal)	2		
Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub Concerns	1	Extension of Time for Training	0		
Request for Exemption	0	Deferred for further information	0		
Medical Issue	0				
Disclosure by Police	0				