

TITLE: LICENSING OFFICERS UPDATE

COMMITTEE: LICENSING COMMITTEE

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To update Members of the Licensing Committee on the work of Officers.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 For information purposes only.

3.0 SUMMARY

General

3.1 The following tables illustrate the day to day applications and inspections processed and completed by the Licensing Authority in the period 6 April 2017 and 26 September 2017 compared to the equivalent period in 2016.

Applications

Licence type	Number 2016	Number 2017
Taxi driver	76	71
Taxi vehicle	92	83
Taxi operator	7	6
TEN's	184	184
New and varied premise licences	21	27
Animal welfare licences	4	6
Personal licences	29	32
Small lottery licences	2	6
Other	0	0
DPS and transfers of premise licences	37	42
DBS criminal record applications	45	30
TOTAL	497	487

Inspections

Inspection type	Number	Number
Complaint	0	10
Enforcement	10	39
Routine	37	23
Re-visit	10	9
Pre-application	5	12
TOTAL	63	93

Suspensions

Suspension notice type	Number 2016	Number 2017
DBS	1	6
Medical	3	2
Annual fee	2	5
Vehicle non-compliance	14	8
Suspension notice becoming active	8	2

- 3.2 Issuing the above suspension notices gives the licence holder 21 days to resolve the issue before the suspension becomes active. The above shows that only two of 26 notices took effect.
- 3.3 In addition to the suspension notices issued above Officers the following immediate suspension notices for vehicle MOT failures.

Taxi driver – enforcement action	1	0
Taxi vehicle – MOT failures	12 out of 81 tests	3 out of 89 tests

- 3.4 Although Officers would rather it be the case that no notices had to be issued, the number of notices being issued remains within acceptable levels.

Taxi Rank update

- 3.5 Members will be aware that on the 17 May 2017 it was recommended to Council that the alternative rank proposal should be progressed. Council approved this recommendation on 13 July 2017.
- 3.6 By way of an update, the third party Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) has been submitted along with the provisional fee of £250. Officers have been advised that Cambs County Council (CCC) are working on the preliminary site drawings for ECDC approval, and that these should be with Officers by the 2 October.
- 3.7 Once these have been signed off, a 21 day consultation on the TRO will be conducted by CCC.
- 3.8 Indications suggest that the works should be completed by early 2018.