

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

Taxi and LA03 enforcement evening

3.1 On 1 July 2016 the Licensing Authority and Cambs Police took part in a joint licensing enforcement operation aimed at taxis and late night alcohol trading premises. The evening was a resounding success, the results of which are detailed in the table below. It is envisaged that a number of these joint initiatives will take place over the next 12 months

Type	Inspected	No further action required	Action taken
HCVL	13	11	One required replacement stickers One required a replacement light bulb
Drivers	13	10	Three not wearing badges – warning letters given
LA03 premises	6	2	One required duplicate licence Three given letters reminding them of conditions to be observed One requires a new premises licence or a variation

Policing Crime Bill

3.2 The Policing Crime Bill is moving through Parliament, and was due to place a requirement on the Licensing Authority to “carry out its functions under this Act with a view to preventing child sexual exploitation” in the context of taxi and private hire licensing. However, Government has now amended this wording to state that the Secretary of State may provide guidance to public authorities on how to protect children and vulnerable individuals from harm. The Licensing Authority would have to have regard to this guidance.

At this point in time, Officers will not need to action anything, but this proposed legislation will be monitored.

Immigration Act 2016

- 3.3 The Immigration Act 2016 was given Royal Assent on 12 May 2016. This new Act of Parliament introduced new regulations in an attempt to control illegal working in the licensed trade. At present the sections of the Act that affect licensing have not been commenced, and so at this point in time, it is business as usual. As and when the new control measures kick in, a more detailed report item will be put before Members.

Betting Licences Bill

- 3.4 A Private Members Bill which hopes to restrict the number of high stake betting machines to be permitted on licensed betting shop premises had its first reading in the House of Lords. Officers will update Members on how this Bill progresses.

General

- 3.5 The following tables illustrate the day to day applications and inspections processed and completed by the Licensing Authority in the period 12 May 2016 to 4 July 2016.

Applications

Licence type	Number
Taxi driver	26
Taxi vehicle	32
Taxi operator	0
TEN's	64
New and varied premise licences	7
Animal welfare licences	2
Personal licences	12
Small lottery licences	0
DPS and transfers of premise licences	6
DBS criminal record applications	15
TOTAL	164

Inspections

Inspection type	Number
Complaint	3
Enforcement	18
Routine	81
Re-visit	11
Pre-application	7
TOTAL	120

Suspensions

Suspension notice type	Number
DBS	3
Annual fee	15
Suspension notice becoming active	18 (3 taxi drivers, and 15 LA03 premises licences)

3.6 Issuing the above suspension notices gives the licence holder 21 days to resolve the issue before the suspension becomes active. The above shows that all of the licence holders resolved the outstanding issue, and were not officially suspended. The figure of notices issued is up on the last period due to LA03 annual fee notices, but the active figure is the same. The figures remain very positive.

3.7 In addition to the suspension notices issued above Officers the following immediate suspension notices for vehicle MOT failures.

Taxi driver – enforcement action	0
Taxi vehicle – MOT failures	1