

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 8 MARCH 2012

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

10. REPORT ON LICENSING ACTIVITY QUARTER 4 2011

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report:

To update members on activity in the licensing department re:

- Processing licences,
- Enforcement activity; and
- Other implementation of the Service Plan.

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:</u> that	
A	The report be received.

1.0 Background

1.1 This report presents data by full quarters on processing and enforcement data, and Licensing Sub-Committee involvement, on licences, notices, and permits, and applications including

- Alcohol, entertainment, and late night refreshment licences under the Licensing Act 2003,
- Gaming under the Gambling Act 2005;
- Taxi drivers, vehicle proprietors and operators.

1.2 This report also records developments in the service that implement the Service Plan.

2.0 Report

2.1 See Essential Reference Paper B for performance data for quarter 4: 1 October – 31 December 2011. This contains the numbers of applications or notices received, and totals of current licences.

2.2 During this quarter the enforcement team have undertaken 70 visits or inspections. These have been analysed further and are recorded as:

All complaints regarding taxis and premises have been fully investigated.

2.3 In respect of premises, the breaches of the licences have been addressed in accordance with our Licensing Enforcement Policy. During the previous reporting period a large amount of effort had been made by the team to recover annual fees from licensed premises. During this period the number of visits has fallen dramatically. Invoices are still being collected at a rate of over 90%. Currently at the time of reporting there are 38 outstanding invoices.

2.4 A significant part of the enforcement team's work is to ensure that all documentation for taxi drivers and vehicles are current and licenses are valid. During this quarter 37 letters were produced.

2.5 Under the penalty points system a total of 60 points have been imposed against 28 licence holders. It is hoped that this will contribute to improving drivers and proprietors behaviour.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None.

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives <i>(delete as appropriate)</i> :	Promoting prosperity and well-being; providing access and opportunities <i>Enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.</i>
Consultation:	For information only, and no partner or external consultation has taken place.
Legal:	No issues identified by report author or contact officer
Financial:	No issues identified by report author or contact officer
Human Resource:	No issues identified by report author or contact officer
Risk Management:	No issues identified by report author or contact officer

Essential Reference Paper B

Q4 2011 – 1 October 2011 to 31 December 2011

Licensing Act 2003			
Premises Licences			
Variation;			
<i>The Bengeo Club (Hertford)</i>			
		1	
Reviews;			
		0	
Minor Variation;			
		10	
Other Processes;			
Disapply DPS		0	
Transfer		6	
Change DPS		26	
Total number of premises licences re-issued			43
New;			
<i>E.F.E.S. Kebab and Pizza</i>			
<i>Cooperative Foods</i>			
<i>Cheeseplate</i>			
		3	
Club Certificates			3
		0	
Other licences and notices			
Personal Alcohol Licence			
New applications		22	
Other processes		17	
			39
Temporary Event Notices			
1 October to 31 December 2011			
Served		184	
Police Objections		0	
Objections upheld		0	
			184

Gambling Act 2005			
	New and varied premises;	0	
	Gaming Machine Notices	0	
	Small Society Lotteries – New and renew	10	
			10
Taxis			
	New Dual Drivers	8	
	Renewed Dual Drivers	90	
	New Private Hire Drivers	19	
	Renewed Private Hire Drivers	8	
	Total driver applications processed this quarter		125
	New Operators	2	
	Renewed Operators	8	
	Total Operator applications processed this quarter		10
	New Hackney Carriage	11	
	Renewed Hackney Carriage	59	
	New Private hire Vehicles	2	
	Renewed Private hire Vehicles	13	
	Change of Vehicle	11	
	Total vehicle applications processed this quarter		96
	All applications this quarter		510

Licensing Sub-Committee hearings arranged this quarter;

Hertford Council Chamber at 10 a.m. 19/12/11	Variation Application (times for live music, recorded music and anything similar)	Queens Head - Sawbridgeworth
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