

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 11 JULY 2013

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

13. REPORT ON LICENSING ACTIVITY QUARTER 1 OF 2013

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 LICENSING COMMITTEE: that</u>
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(A)	The report be received.
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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 1 of 2013: 1 January – 31 March 2013. This contains the numbers of applications or notices received, and totals of current licences.

2.2 During this quarter the enforcement team have undertaken 51 visits or inspections. These have been analysed further and are recorded as:

- Taxi Inspections and Investigations 7
- Premises Complaints and Visits 34
- Gambling Premises visits 1
- Blue Notice visits 6
- Invoice Visits/chase ups 3
- House to House Collection complaints 0
- Taxi Camera Investigations 0
- TENS Complaints and Investigations 0

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. Currently at the time of reporting there are 13 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 33 letters were produced.

2.5 Under the penalty points system a total of 72 points have been imposed against 24 licence holders. This is continuing to contribute to improvements in drivers and proprietors behaviour.

2.6 The quarter 4 data can be found at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.

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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