

Licensing Activity report: 1st April 2022 to 30th June 2022

1. Context

The council's Licensing and Enforcement Team covers the licensing of taxi drivers and operators, licensed premises and temporary events notices, along with more infrequent applications relating to, among other things, scrap metal handling and gambling.

Licensing matters managed by the Licensing & Enforcement Team

2. Taxis

The activity over the period in question has been as follows:

New driver applications	21 (4 dual drivers & 17 private hire drivers)
New applicants who have attended training	9
Resits of knowledge test	4
Existing drivers who have attended update training	14
Decisions taken by Service Manager – Licensing & Enforcement under delegated powers	1 (Appeal against Licensing Record Points Issued)
Decisions taken by Head of Housing and Health under delegation in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee	0
Appeals against licensing points – decision by Head of Housing and Health	0
Upheld	n/a
Dismissed	n/a
Appeals of decision – decision by court	0
Upheld <i>council not successful in defending its decision</i>	0
Dismissed <i>council successful in defending its decision</i>	0
Prosecution sought	0
Successful	0
Unsuccessful	0

Judicial reviews	0
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There is a strong desire among both Members and officers to build on the council's work to promote high quality taxi licensing. Through the Herts and Beds Licensing Group work has been started on drafting a countywide licensed vehicles emissions policy with the involvement of HCCSP.

3. Premises

During Q1 of this financial year three applications were decided by Licensing Sub-Committees. There is a significant amount of work for officers whenever there is a contested application and the costs of a Licensing Sub-Committee are not covered by the fees set by Central Government. The details of the matters brought before Licensing Sub-Committees are shown below.

Premises/Person	Location	Type of application	Resolved
Jungle Bar	Hertford	Premises Licence Variation	Granted with conditions
Lidl	Bishop's Stortford Meads	New Premises Licence	Granted
Stone Valley South/Wannasee Festival	Great Amwell	New time limited Premises Licence	Granted with amendments to conditions

4. Temporary Event Notices

The number of TENs received by the authority in Q1 was 88 more than in the same period of 2021/22 (a total of 135 TENs received).

As Members are aware only the Police and Environmental Health can object to TENS.

As part of this work all TENS received by the Licensing Team are forwarded in a redacted form to East Herts SAG so that they are aware of events and can flag up concerns where necessary.