

Licensing Activity report: Q1 & Q2 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023**1. Context**

The council's Licensing and Enforcement Team covers the licensing of taxi drivers, vehicles and operators, licensed premises and temporary events notices, along with more infrequent applications relating to, among other things, markets, street trading, pavement licensing, scrap metal dealing, sex establishments and gambling.

Licensing of food premises and other commercial businesses subject to regulatory activity is carried out by the Environmental Health team.

Licensing matters managed by the Licensing & Enforcement Team**2. Taxis**

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

	Q1	Q2
Private Hire Driver (PHD) and Dual Driver (DD) New applications	4 PHD 5 DD	13 PHD 7 DD
Private Hire Driver (PHD) and Dual Driver (DD) Renewal applications	13 PHD 1 DD	0 PHD 4 DD
New applicants who have attended training	14	6
Resits of knowledge test	7	4
Existing drivers who have attended update training	0	1
English Competency tests taken	16	24
English competency tests taken with appropriate adjustments	0	0
Passes	5	4
Fails	11	20
Number of individuals	12	13

Decisions taken by Service Manager – Licensing & Enforcement under delegated powers	0	0
Decisions taken by Head of Housing and Health under delegation in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee	0	0
Upheld	N/A	N/A
Dismissed	N/A	N/A
Appeals of decision – decision by court	0	0
Upheld <i>council not successful in defending its decision</i>	N/A	N/A
Dismissed <i>council successful in defending its decision</i>	N/A	N/A
Prosecution sought	0	0
Successful	N/A	N/A
Unsuccessful	N/A	N/A
Judicial reviews	0	0
Vehicle decisions taken under the 'Vehicle Age & Emissions Policy' by the Service Manager – Licensing & Enforcement Granted Refused <small>*This includes one refused vehicle that was reinspected following work being undertaken on the vehicle, the application was subsequently granted</small>	5 2* 4	6 4 2

Premises

During Q1 & Q2 of this financial year six applications were decided by Licensing Sub-Committees, three in Q1 and three in Q2.

The details of the matters brought before Licensing Sub-Committees are shown below.

Premises/Person	Location	Type of application	Resolved
Campo Sancho	Walkern	New Premises Licence	Granted with conditions
Hertfordshire Oktoberfest	Hertford	New Premises Licence	Granted with amendments and conditions
Horn and Half Moon	Bishop's Stortford	Summary review of premises licence	Conditions added to premises licence
The Lounge	Stanstead Abbots	New Premises Licence	Granted with conditions
WH Smiths	Bishop's Stortford	New Premise licence	Granted as per amended application
AMA Fest	Little Hadham	New time limited	Granted with conditions

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		premises licence	

3. Temporary Event Notices

The number of Temporary Event Notices (TENs) received by the authority:

Q1 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2022	Q2 2023
222	216	143	152

In Q1 of this year the authority received 6 fewer applications when compared with the same period of 2022 but 9 more applications when comparing with the Q2 figures. This means the team has processed 3 more temporary event notifications when comparing Q1 and Q2 figures with the same periods last year.

Only the Police and Environmental Health can object to a TEN.