

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 3 NOVEMBER 2011

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

7. LICENSING ACTIVITY QUARTER 3 2011

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

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**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.

<b><u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:</u></b> 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 3: 1 July – 30 September 2011. This contains the numbers of applications or notices received, and totals of current licences.

2.2 Data on Enforcement activity will be presented at the hearing.

- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 Under the penalty points system a total of 26 points have been imposed against 12 licence holders. It is hoped that this will contribute to improving drivers and proprietors behaviour.
- 2.5 1 existing taxi driver was brought to Licensing Sub-Committees for a decision on licence renewal following an accumulation of 9 DVLA penalty points during this quarter.
- 2.6 Officers continue to explore ways to reduce service costs in line with the service plan.
- 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> :	<b>Promoting prosperity and well-being; providing access and opportunities</b> <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

Q3 2011 – 1 July 2011 to 3 September 2011:

Licensing Act 2003			
Premises Licences			
Variation;		0	
Reviews;			
<i>King William IV Sawbridgeworth</i>		1	
Minor Variation;		3	
Other Processes;			
Disapply DPS		0	
Transfer		5	
Change Name/ address of holder		3	
Change DPS		16	
Replace lost/stolen licence		2	
Total number of premises licences re-issued			30
New;			
<i>Delicious Tea Room (South Street Bishops Stortford)</i>			
<i>Church Farm Shop (Ardeley)</i>			
<i>Bluebell Cafe (Bakers Walk, Sawbridgeworth)</i>			
<i>1-3 West Road (Sawbridgeworth)</i>		4	
Club Certificates			4
		0	
Other licences and notices			
Personal Alcohol Licence			
New applications		8	
Other processes		6	
			14
Temporary Event Notices			
1 June to 30 September 2011			
Served		148	
Abandoned		1	
Police Objections		0	
Objections upheld		0	
			147
Gambling Act 2005			
New and varied premises;		0	
Gaming Machine Notices		0	
Small Society Lotteries – New		6	

	Small Society Lotteries –renew	2	
			8
<b>Taxis</b>			
	New Dual Drivers	9	
	Renewed Dual Drivers	48	
	New Private Hire Drivers	1	
	Renewed Private Hire Drivers	0	
	Total driver applications processed this quarter		58
	New Operators	0	
	Renewed Operators	1	
	Total Operator applications processed this quarter		1
	New Hackney Carriage	3	
	Renewed Hackney Carriage	38	
	New Private hire Vehicles	1	
	Renewed Private hire Vehicles	12	
	Change of Vehicle		54
	Total vehicle applications processed this quarter		
	All applications this quarter		316

Sub Committee hearings arranged this quarter:

19 September	Flames Grill, 3 Northgate End Bishops Stortford.	New application for Late Night Refreshment only Premises Licence
7 September	King William IV, Vantorts Road, Sawbridgeworth.	Review application
23 August	New applicant Taxi driver – Mr W	with points for driving no insurance
23 August	Review existing taxi driver – Mr O	9 points for speeding on 2 separate occasions
23 August	New applicant – Mr C	Applicant failing to disclosure convictions for illegal plying for hire.