

Taunton Deane Borough Council

Licensing Committee – 1 June 2010

Licensing Update Report

Report of the Licensing Manager

(This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Ken Hayward)

1. Executive Summary

The report provides an update on the activities of the Licensing Service under the Licensing Act 2003, Gambling Act 2005 and Taxi Legislation together with other general licensing matters.

2. Background

- 2.1 This report is produced to keep the Council's statutory committee up to date with current arrangements and statistics relating to the Licensing Service.

3. Report

Licensing Act 2003

- 3.1 The total numbers of licences issued and notices given at the end of the last quarter are set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 All applications and notices decided since the date of the last Committee have been determined without the need for a formal hearing to take place.
- 3.3 Although service requests have been received a co-ordinated multi agency approach has secured remedy or compliance with out the need for formal legal action.

Gambling Act 2005

- 3.4 The total numbers of licences issued and notices given at the end of the last quarter are set out in Appendix 2.
- 3.5 All applications and notices decided since the date of last Committee have been determined without the need for a formal hearing to take place.

Taxis

- 3.6 The total numbers of Licences issued at the end of the last quarter are set out in Appendix 3
- 3.7 Three Sub-Committee hearings have been held since the date of the last Committee. All three hearings concerned drivers who did not comply with the Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers, Vehicles and Operators Handbook because of previous convictions.
- 3.8 Following consideration of the matters two drivers were granted their drivers licences and one was refused. The period for appeal against the decision of the Sub-Committee has expired in all three cases and the Council has received no notification of an appeal being lodged.

Street Trading

- 3.9 The total numbers of licences issued and notices given at the end of the last quarter are set out in Appendix 4.
- 3.10 All applications and notices decided since the date of last Committee have been determined without the need for a formal hearing to take place.
- 3.11 Licensing Officers have been involved in consultation to secure a regular presence of the Farmers Market in Wellington. An application is expected to arrive shortly.

Animal Licensing

- 3.12 The total numbers of licences consents and permits issued at the end of the last quarter are set out in Appendix 5.
- 3.13 All applications and notices decided since the date of last Committee have been determined without the need for a formal hearing to take place.

Other Licensing

- 3.14 The total numbers of licences, consents, registrations and permits issued at the end of the last quarter are set out in Appendix 5.
- 3.15 All applications and notices decided since the date of last Committee have been determined without the need for a formal hearing to take place.

4. Finance Comments

None

5. Legal Comments

The legal implications are set out within the report.

6. Links to Corporate Aims

As an update report there are no links to specific cooperate aims. However if the Licensing function were not carried out in an efficient manner complaints or legal challenges may be brought that could undermine the work being done to support the Council's Corporate Strategy

7. Environmental and Community Safety Implications

None identified

8. Equalities Impact

Not required

9. Risk Management

No risk identified

10. Partnership Implications (if any)

None identified

11. Recommendations

That the report be noted.

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Licensing Act 2003

Licences Issued and Notices Given

	Mar-10
Premises Licences	393
Club Premises Certificates	30
Personal Licences	488
Temporary Event Notices	1,333

Applications Received and Notices Given

	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10
Grant of a Premises Licence	2	1	2	5
Variation of a Premises Licence	0	1	2	1
Transfer of a Premises Licence	1	0	0	7
Change of Designated Premises Supervisor	2	7	1	6
Minor Variations	1	0	3	0
Grant of a Personal Licences	7	8	7	12
Temporary Event Notices given	12	30	17	24

Gambling Act 205

Licences Issued and Notices Given

	Mar-10
Club Machine Permit	7
Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits	4
Occasional Use Notices	7
Premises Licences	15
Prize Gaming Permits	0
Society Lotteries	193
Temporary Use Notices	0

Applications Received and Notices Given

	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10
Applications for a Permit	0	1	0	0
Application for a Licence	0	0	0	0
Notification of Intent to have Gaming Machines	1	4	1	1

Taxis

Licences Issued

	Mar-10
Hackney Carriages	158
Private Hire Vehicles	28
Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers	240
Private Hire Operators	27

Applications Received

	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10
Hackney Carriage Licence (including renewals, transfers & vehicle changes)	29	0	19	22
Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers Licence (including renewals)	14	36	10	58
Private Hire Vehicle Licence	7	3	1	1
Private Hire Operators Licence	0	3	1	1

Street Trading

Consents & Permits Issued

	Mar-10
Street Trading Consents	53
Pavement Café Permits	14

Applications Received

	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10
New Consents	0	3	0	0
Renewals	0	0	0	28

Animal Licensing

Licences Issued

	Mar-10
Zoo Licences	1
Pet shop licences	14
Dog Breeding Licence	2
Home Boarding Licence	13
Riding Establishemt Licences	8

Applications Received

	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10
Zoo Licence (including renewals)	0	0	0	0
Pet Shop Licences (including renewals)	4	0	0	0
Dog Breeding Licence (including renewals)	1	0	0	0
Home Boarding Licence (including renewals)	8	0	0	0
Riding Establishment Licences (including renewals)	3	1	0	0

Other Licensing

Licences, Registrations & Permits Issued

	Mar-10
Canvassing & campaigning permit	98
Caravan Site Licences	43
House to House Collection Permit	64
Motor Salvage Operator	2
Scrap Metal Dealer Registration	10
Sex Shop Licences	2
Skin Piercing Registrations	15
Street Collection Permits	204

Applications Received

	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10
New applications	8	7	8	17