

SWT Licensing Committee

Monday, 21st June, 2021,
6.15 pm



Somerset West
and Taunton

The John Meikle Room - The Deane
House

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Members: Marcus Barr, Paul Bolton, Simon Coles, Andrew Hadley, John Hassall, Marcia Hill, Sue Lees, Mark Lithgow, Janet Lloyd, Craig Palmer, Anthony Trollope-Bellew, Ray Tully, Brenda Weston, Keith Wheatley and Loretta Whetlor

Agenda

1. **Appointment of Chair**
2. **Appointment of Vice-Chair**
3. **Apologies**
To receive any apologies for absence.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting of the Licensing Committee**
To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee.
5. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive and note any declarations of disclosable pecuniary or prejudicial or personal interests in respect of any matters included on the agenda for consideration at this meeting.

(The personal interests of Councillors and Clerks of Somerset County Council, Town or Parish Councils and other Local Authorities will automatically be recorded in the minutes.)
6. **Public Participation**
The Chair to advise the Committee of any items on which members of the public have requested to speak and advise those members of the public present of the details of the

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Council's public participation scheme.

For those members of the public who have submitted any questions or statements, please note, a three minute time limit applies to each speaker and you will be asked to speak before Councillors debate the issue.

Temporary measures during the Coronavirus Pandemic

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7. Licensing Quarterly Update Report

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**JAMES HASSETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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SWT Licensing Committee - 18 January 2021

Present: Councillor Mark Lithgow (Chair)

Councillors Janet Lloyd, Paul Bolton, Simon Coles, Caroline Ellis, Andrew Hadley, Marcia Hill, Sue Lees, Libby Lisgo, Martin Peters, Anthony Trollope-Bellew, Ray Tully and Loretta Whetlor

Officers: Clare Rendell and John Rendell

Also Present: Councillors Craig Palmer, Peter Pilkington, Sarah Wakefield and Brenda Weston

(The meeting commenced at 6.15 pm)

8. **Apologies**

An apology was received from Councillor John Hassall.

9. **Minutes of the previous meeting of the Licensing Committee**

(Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 15 June 2020 circulated with the agenda)

Resolved that the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 15 June 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

10. **Declarations of Interest**

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Councillor or Clerk of a County, Town or Parish Council or any other Local Authority:-

Name	Minute No.	Description of Interest	Reason	Action Taken
Cllr P Bolton	All Items	Minehead	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr S Coles	All Items	SCC & Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr C Ellis	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr Mrs Hill	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr S Lees	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr L Lisgo	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr M Lithgow	All Items	Wellington	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr J Lloyd	All Items	Wellington & Sampford	Personal	Spoke and Voted

		Arundel		
Cllr C Palmer	All Items	Minehead	Personal	Spoke
Cllr M Peters	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr P Pilkington	All Items	Timberscombe	Personal	Spoke
Cllr R Tully	All Items	West Monkton	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr B Weston	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke
Cllr L Whetlor	All Items	Watchet	Personal	Spoke and Voted

11. Public Participation

No members of the public had requested to speak on any item on the agenda.

12. Licensing Quarterly Update Report

During the discussion, the following points were raised:-

- Concern was raised that Taunton did not have a Town Council to consult with as part of the Pavement Licence application process. Councillors queried how would the Licensing Department consult on applications in the Taunton area.

The Licensing Specialist understood that there wasn't a Town Council for Taunton and he hoped that the other organisations for the area would highlight any issues on an application. However, he was happy to add the Taunton Chartered Trustees to the list of consulted parties.
- Councillors queried how the Taxi Forum would operate in the new joint area of Somerset West and Taunton (SWT). They appreciated that it was a valuable way of discussing and consulting with the taxi trade but concern was raised on the amount of time that could be wasted travelling to different venues across the district.

The Licensing Specialist acknowledged that the taxi forum had worked well over the years and so he was keen to reinstate it for the wider SWT area. He advised that due to the technological advances SWT had made as a result of the periods of lockdown during the Covid Pandemic, he would most likely hold the taxi forum using a virtual meeting format, which would eliminate the need for the taxi drivers to travel to any set location.
- Councillors queried whether the changeover to expression of interest forms instead of application forms for Street Trading Consent had improved the process. They had noticed a drop in the applications received but had assumed that was because of the Covid Pandemic.

The Licensing Specialist advised that he wanted to introduce the use of the expression of interest forms to assist the applicants in gauging whether their request would be successful or not prior to them submitting a formal application. It also allowed the Licensing Department to control the types trading activity to ensure that the applications submitted would enhance and compliment the area rather than have a detrimental impact on the other local traders.

- Councillors queried when the mandatory safeguarding training for taxi drivers would start.
The Licensing Specialist explained that it was difficult to pick a specific date for when the training would start as there were several factors that still needed to be decided on: how the training would be delivered; which format would be used; whether it would only apply to new drivers; to name but a few. However, he acknowledged that it was a vital part of ensuring that they had fit and proper licensed taxi drivers.
- Councillors queried whether there was a knowledge test for taxi drivers in the SWT area to ensure that the drivers had a good knowledge of the local area.
The Licensing Specialist explained that there used to be a knowledge test as part of the application process and he was keen to get it added back into the process. He advised that the majority of the development work on the test had been carried out, so they should be able to introduce the test back into the process in the next couple of months.
- Councillors urged the Licensing Specialist to ensure that the list of designated wheelchair accessible taxi vehicles was made available as soon as possible.
The Licensing Specialist apologised that the list had not yet been compiled and that it was part of the work programme to be completed. However, he reassured councillors that the Licensing Department could enforce how the taxi drivers treated any disabled users.
- Councillors queried how far along had the Licensing Department got with the introduction of electric taxi vehicles and charging points.
The Licensing Specialist explained that he could establish the use of electric vehicles as part of the taxi trade, however, the infrastructure to support those vehicles was not quite in place for the SWT area.
- Concern was raised that there was a lack of wheelchair accessible taxis available to use in the evenings.
The Licensing Specialist understood the concern and explained that it was due to when the policy had been introduced, which meant that there was a mix of vehicles within the taxi trade. He advised that he could investigate the options of making all taxis wheelchair accessible.
- Councillors queried whether the amount of applications received with minuses next to their figures, was due to the lockdown period caused by the Covid Pandemic.
The Licensing Specialist assumed that it was as a result of the Covid Pandemic, but that it was an educated guess as he had not been able to discuss this with all the applicants.
- Councillors queried what was required from the taxi drivers in relation to the Equalities Act and was it clearly stated somewhere in the application process so that they knew what was expected of them.
The Licensing Specialist advised it was incorporated in the knowledge and suitability questionnaire that all taxi drivers had to complete. There was also information available in the Taxi Handbook, which all taxi drivers were expected to read.
- Councillors queried whether signage could be displayed in all taxis advising that discrimination of any kind would not be tolerated, which would show that SWT supported the disability and minority groups.

The Licensing Specialist agreed and was happy to look into implementing that type of signage.

Resolved that the Licensing Committee noted the Update Report.

(The Meeting ended at 7.11 pm)

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Report Number: SWT 50/21

Somerset West and Taunton Council

Licensing Committee – 21st June 2021

Licensing Quarterly Update Report

This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Andrew Sully

Report Author: John Rendell, Licensing Manager

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 Somerset West and Taunton is required by law to establish a Licensing Committee, in order to discharge various licensing functions and is referred to as the 'licensing authority'. These functions include the regulation of alcohol and entertainment, taxis and private hire vehicles, drivers and operators, gambling and types of animal business, amongst many others.
- 1.2 The licensing authority's objectives (some of which are statutory) are to:
 - Prevent crime and disorder;
 - Prevent public nuisance;
 - Keep the public safe;
 - Protect children and other vulnerable people, from harm;
 - Ensure gambling is conducted in a fair and open way;
 - Ensure businesses provide high standards of care to animals.
- 1.3 Some of functions of the licensing authority, such as determining individual licence applications, are discharged by sub-committees. The main committee is largely responsible for setting policy.
- 1.4 This report gives officers the opportunity to update members of the committee on work of note, progress on any projects, changes in legislation and look ahead to any significant events that lie ahead.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

3 Risk Assessment

3.1 The contents of this report do not relate to any of the risks identified in the Corporate Risk Register.

4 Background and Full details of the Report

Recruitment

4.1 Licensing Assistant Maggie Greenslade and Licensing Officer Leeann Leeds have both formally joined the team, having initially joined as temporary members of staff last year. They fill the vacant posts previously held by Joanna Kalwaszewska and Leigh-ann Fumagalli.

Service plan

4.2 Included with the update report for the meeting in January, was a shortened service plan, showing the main work priorities over the next 12 to 18 months (excluding business as usual e.g. processing applications, investigating complaints). A current version is shown at **Appendix 1**.

4.3 Most of the expected completion dates have now changed, owing to there being some long-term sickness in the team during January and February, which resulted in a temporary change to work priorities. Changes to dates are shown in red.

4.4 On a slightly more positive note, the new and improved knowledge test for taxi and private hire drivers is nearing completion. The new format sees questions on the local area return, alongside questions about council licensing rules and the following new elements:

- Numeracy;
- Taxi and private hire law;
- Attitude and behaviour in certain situations;
- Child exploitation (including child sex exploitation).

4.5 Members of the taxi trade have helped to develop the new format by road testing questions and providing feedback.

4.6 The current knowledge test, known as the 'knowledge and suitability interview', has recently changed from being a face to face meeting to being done remotely on Microsoft Teams, and we currently intend to continue using this technology in the future, as this would allow more flexibility and help to cut down on unnecessary travel.

West Bay residential park home site, Watchet

4.7 Following a further land slip, Officers have served a second compliance notice on the owners of West Bay Residential caravan site.

4.8 The land slip in February 2020 ultimately resulted in the removal of one of the park homes completely, where ground lost from the cliff side caused the owners to be in breach of a condition of the licence which requires three clear metres between the boundary of the site and any combustible structure.

- 4.9 It is a similar situation on this occasion although because it is slightly further along the cliff edge and as land has not been lost completely, it is hoped stabilisation works will achieve compliance, rather than the removal of one or more park homes.
- 4.10 Mobile homes: a fit and proper person test for park home site owners
- 4.11 On the 1st of July, new regulations are coming into force in England, which require managers of most residential caravan parks in England to be registered as a 'fit and proper person'.
- 4.12 All local authorities will be required to keep a public register of people who are considered "'fit and proper' to manage the parks in their area. The name and business contact details of the manager, as well as the name and address of the site and whether any conditions have been attached to their appointment, will all be shown on the register.
- 4.13 The Regulations come into force in two parts. The first part, which enables applications to be made, comes into force on the 1st of July 2021. The second part, which makes it a legal requirement for a site owner or manager to be a 'fit and proper person', comes into force on the 1st of October 2021 and is backed up with potentially serious sanctions for non-compliance.
- 4.14 The regulations will not apply to holiday parks and residential parks which are defined as a 'non-commercial family occupied site' i.e. one which is only occupied by members of the owner's family and is not being run on a commercial basis.
- 4.15 The penalties for anyone operating a residential caravan site in breach of the regulations include an unlimited fine, or potentially the revocation of the operator's site licence.
- 4.16 The regulations do not give a definition of 'fit and proper'. However, they do set out certain matters which the local authority must take into account when deciding whether an applicant meets the test. These are whether the applicant:
- Has the experience, ability and financial resources needed to run and manage the site;
 - Has committed any offence involving fraud or other dishonesty, violence, arson or drugs or certain sexual offences;
 - Has contravened any provision of the law relating to housing, caravan sites, mobile homes, public health, planning or environmental health or landlord and tenant law;
 - Has contravened the Equality Act 2010 in relation to its business;
 - Has harassed any person in, or in connection with, the carrying on of any business.
 - Is, or has been within the past 10 years, insolvent;
 - Is, or has been within the past 10 years, disqualified from acting as a company director;
 - Has the right to work in the United Kingdom; and
 - Is a member of any scheme for dealing with complaints about the management of the site.

- 4.17 If an applicant fails to meet one of more of the above requirements it is not automatic that they will not be considered 'fit and proper', but it makes it more likely that their application will be refused.
- 4.18 When a local authority receives and considers an application, it may either:
- Grant the application unconditionally;
 - Grant the application subject to conditions; or
 - Refuse the application.
- 4.19 If a council intends to refuse an application or apply any conditions, it will have to first serve the applicant with a 'preliminary decision notice' setting out its intended decision and reasons for it. The applicant will then have 28 days to respond and make any representations to the council if they wish. After the end of the period, the council must then make a final decision as soon as reasonably practicable. An applicant may appeal such a decision to the First Tier Tribunal.
- 4.20 Councils will be able to charge a fee for the application.

Tax conditionality for taxi, private hire and scrap metal dealer licensing

- 4.21 Legislation due to be implemented on the 4th of April 2022 will introduce tax checks to the licensing of taxi and private hire drivers, private hire operators and scrap metal dealers.
- 4.22 Under current plans published in the Finance Bill 2021, first time applicants for the aforementioned licence types will be directed to guidance published by HMRC on tax obligations. When licence holders then renew their licences, a simple digital service which HMRC is developing will enable applicants and licensing authorities to complete a tax check, to determine if that person is appropriately registered for tax and has completed a tax return.
- 4.23 In accordance with the Government's New Burdens Doctrine, local authority licensing departments will receive additional funding to make changes to their current systems and processes.

Numbers of licences currently in force

- 4.24 To give an idea of the variety and number of persons, premises, vehicles and activities which are currently licensed, the numbers of licences in force as of the 11th of May 2021 are shown at **Appendix 2**.
- 4.25 As things currently stand, all pavement licences are due to expire on the 30th of September this year. However, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government did announce in March that this would be extended by a further 12 months.

5 Links to Corporate Strategy

- 5.1 The council has a statutory duty to issues licences for various activities, as outlined in **Appendix 3**. By providing advice to the public, helping them to understand and meet

regulatory requirements and responding proportionately where breaches of legislation occur, the service can support the following corporate aims:

- Support the town centres throughout the District to meet the challenge of changing shopping habits.
- Support the enhancement of arts and culture provision within the District.

6 Finance / Resource Implications

6.1 Where legislation allows for cost recovery, licence fees are levied against the administration of the regime and the supervision of licences issued. It would be unlawful to deliberately set the fees to make a profit and any over (or under) recovery is redressed in future fee levels.

7 Legal Implications

7.1 No legal implications identified.

8 Climate and Sustainability Implications

8.1 There are no direct carbon/environmental impacts arising from this report.

9 Safeguarding and/or Community Safety Implications

9.1 The four licensing objectives under the Licensing Act 2003 are:

- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm

9.2 The continued work of the service to achieve and promote these aims, further supports the role of the Council in ensuring community safety.

10 Equality and Diversity Implications

10.1 There are a number of protected characteristics identified in the Equality Act 2010, which are; age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and members need to demonstrate that they have consciously thought about the three aims of the Public Sector Equality Duty as part of the decision making process. The three aims the authority must have due regard for are:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

10.2 No equality and diversity implications were identified.

11 Social Value Implications

11.1 As this report does not relate to the procurement of any services or products, no social value implications were identified.

12 Partnership Implications

12.1 No partnership implications were identified.

13 Health and Wellbeing Implications

13.1 Through effective regulation, confidence in licensed premises and activities can be maintained, helping communities to thrive.

14 Asset Management Implications

14.1 No asset management implications were identified.

15 Data Protection Implications

15.1 No data protection implications were identified.

16 Consultation Implications

16.1 As this is an update report, consultation has not been necessary.

17 Scrutiny Comments / Recommendation(s)

17.1 As a quarterly report just for the Licensing Committee, there are no scrutiny comments or recommendations.

Democratic Path:

- **Scrutiny / Corporate Governance or Audit Committees – No**
- **Cabinet/Executive – No**
- **Full Council – No**

Reporting Frequency: Once only Ad-hoc Quarterly

Twice-yearly Annually

List of Appendices

Appendix 1	Licensing service plan: priorities in 2021/22
Appendix 2	Licences in force

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Licensing service plan: priorities in 2021/22

Taxi and private hire licensing			
Task/project	Notes	Anticipated benefits	Expected completion date
<p>Harmonise the two existing taxi licensing policies, reviewing and updating elements in the process to ensure it is fit for purpose.</p>	<p>This is a sizeable task and will more than likely be broken down into manageable 'chunks'. The following aspects of the policy are particularly in need of review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxi and private hire vehicle specifications, in particular disability requirements and electric vehicles. • Policy on applicants for driver licence with previous convictions • Conditions which all types of licence are subject to. • The tariff of taxi fares/charges. • Meter testing for taxis. • Determine whether to form one large taxi licensing district where there are no restrictions on where a taxi can ply for hire or maintain two separate 'zones'. • The frequency and format of medical examinations on drivers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute towards the council's aim to be carbon neutral by 2030. • Ensure consistency when discharging the relevant functions across the entire district. • Improve the efficiency of the service and staff confidence in applying policies and rules. • Improve public confidence in the taxi and private hire licensing regime, including the trade itself. • In some cases, meet with the requirements of the Department for Transport's 'Statutory Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Standards'. 	<p>December 2021 to June 2022</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The frequency of criminal record checks on drivers, vehicle proprietors and private hire operators. • The format and frequency of MOTs and the council's own safety test, for taxis and private hire vehicles. 		
<p>Introduce mandatory safeguarding training for drivers.</p>	<p>It would be beneficial to include child sex exploitation and 'county lines'.</p> <p>Likely that this will need to be delivered externally.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with the requirements of the Department for Transport's 'Statutory Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Standards'. • Improve public confidence in the taxi and private hire licensing regime, including the trade itself. • Ensure that we are taking all reasonable steps to prevent vulnerable members of the public from being victims of exploitation and harm. 	<p>September April 2022</p>
<p>Finalise and deliver the new and improved driver knowledge test, known as the 'knowledge and suitability interview'.</p>	<p>A new format has already been developed. Some testing and final adjustments are required. Arrangements for booking and undertaking the interview need to be finalised, in particular dovetailing the interview with checks of the applicants ID, in order to improve efficiency of the service and reduce the number of visits an applicant may need to make to the council offices.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure licensed drivers have the required level of comprehension of English, both written and oral. • Ensure licensed drivers have at a basic knowledge of the local area (thus preventing cross border licensing). • Improve newly licensed individual's understanding of 	<p>April June 2021</p>

		<p>their responsibilities, both statutory and local.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure drivers recognise the signs of and are able to report child sexual exploitation (having answered questions based on the content of an eLearning module). 	
<p>Begin using 'NR3'; the national register of taxi driver licence revocations and refusals</p>	<p>Our predecessor councils adopted identical policies governing the use of the register and ensuring compliance with GDPR.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with the requirements of the Department for Transport's 'Statutory Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Standards'. • Ensure decisions to grant (or refuse) licences are made having had regard of an individual's record as a driver with another authority. • Feel comfortable in the knowledge that we are helping to protect the travelling public beyond our own district boundaries, by ensure other licensing authorities are able to access information about individuals whose licences we have refused or revoked. • Improve public confidence in the taxi and private hire licensing regime, including the trade itself. 	<p>April December 2021</p>
<p>Animal activities licensing (Catteries, kennels, riding establishments, pet shops etc.)</p>			

Task/project	Notes	Anticipated benefits	Expected completion date
All Case Managers (grade F) / Licensing Officers to complete the level 3 animal licensing inspectors qualification.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve resilience in the service by increasing the number of qualified inspectors and avoid the risk of relying on neighbouring authorities to undertake our visits. 	Existing staff by June 2022
Street trading			
Task/project	Notes	Anticipated benefits	Expected completion date
Develop and publish a street trading policy Page 18	It has become clear that street trading in town centres in particular, must enhance the existing retail and food offer rather than act as direct competition, and enhance the visual amenity. Existing policy is not fit for purpose in this regard, nor does it necessarily reflect other council priorities e.g. carbon neutrality, Covid19 recovery, promote healthy lifestyles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make best use of available town centre locations/open spaces; improving the visual amenity and increasing footfall. • Create local job opportunities and promote local produce. • Improve engagement with town and parish councils, local BIDs, chambers of commerce etc. through consultation and setting of clear objectives. • Allow officers to exercise more discretion in confidence, in order to ensure that only traders who meet with the clearly set objectives are licensed. 	August October 2021

Licences Issued and Notices Given

These figures show the number of licences in force at the 11th of May 2021 and the number of notices given since commencement of relevant legislation

	Total	Difference Since December
Licensing Act 2003 Premises Licences	722	1%
Licensing Act 2003 Club Premises Certificates	49	0%
Licensing Act 2003 Personal Licences	2063	1%
Gambling Act 2005 Club Machine Permit	14	-29%
Gambling Act 2005 Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits	17	12%
Gambling Act 2005 Premises Licences	25	-4%
Gambling Act 2005 Prize Gaming Permits	2	50%
Gambling Act 2005 Society Lotteries	151	-3%
Gambling Act 2005 Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centres	11	-9%
Hackney Carriages	191	-1%
Private Hire Vehicles	39	-10%
Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers	263	-8%
Private Hire Operators	31	-16%
Street Trading Consents	28	4%
Section 115E (Pavement Café) Permits	3	-67%
Pavement licences	17	41%
Animal Boarding Licence	38	-5%
Dog Breeding Licence	9	-33%
Dangerous Wild Animal Licences	0	0%
Pet Shop Licences	4	-25%
Hiring of Horses Licences	14	0%
Zoo Licences	1	-100%
Keeping or Training of Animals for Exhibition Licences	4	25%
Caravan Site Licences	87	-1%
Scrap Metal Dealer licence	11	9%
Sex Establishment Licences	1	0%
Skin Piercing Registrations	357	2%

