

Licensing Committee – 14th February 2012

7. Enforcement Update

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Purpose of the Report

To update members on the work of the licensing enforcement team and the various issues they are currently involved with.

Recommendation

That the report is noted.

Background

Officers carry out a number of enforcement activities under the various legislative provisions that relate to licensing, in particularly with regard to taxi's. This report seeks to brief members on the current issues that are being dealt with by the enforcement team.

Report Detail

Taxis

General

Enforcement officers and the police have carried out regular taxi checks throughout the year with 18 vehicles being given thorough roadside licensing inspections over the last month.

This has resulted in 2 drivers being given advice regarding vehicle cleanliness. Two stop notices have been issued one relating to a stoplight not working, seat belts not recoiling and sliding door not working and the other for the mid row seat not pulling forward.

Weekly daytime checks and several late night checks were carried out throughout the past three months on taxis in and around the centre of Yeovil to ensure compliance with the Hackney Carriage Policy and Bylaws.

Monthly taxi checks are carried out at the Pen Mill, Yeovil Junction and Castle Cary railway stations in order to ensure vehicles that do not tend to use the ranks in and around the main towns are also subject to ad hoc inspections.

One hackney carriage driver was issued a fixed penalty notice for smoking in a taxi and paid the £30.00 within fifteen days.

We have received four taxi/private hire related complaints in the past six weeks.

Street Trading

Nineteen permanent street traders have applied for and been granted consent to trade. One trader previously found guilty in the magistrates court has withdrawn his appeal to the crown court.

Financial Implications

None

Implications for Corporate Priorities

Ensure safe, sustainable and cohesive communities and increase economic vitality and prosperity.

Other Implications

None

Background Papers: None
