

Licensing Committee – 9th October 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 members note the report.

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

During the previous three months, several dates for multi-agency taxi enforcement checks were arranged but all were cancelled by the police due to lack of police resources. Further dates have been arranged throughout the next three months.

The Licensing team carried out weekly daytime checks and several late night checks throughout the past three months on taxis in and around the centre of Yeovil to ensure compliance with the our Hackney Carriage Policy and Bylaws. It also carried out monthly taxi checks at the Pen Mill, Yeovil Junction and Castle Cary railway stations in order to ensure that vehicles that do not tend to use the ranks in and around the main towns are also subject to ad hoc inspections.

Fifteen taxi/private hire related complaints were received in the past three months, which resulted in the issuing of six stop/prohibition notices, one fixed penalty notice for smoking in a vehicle and two fixed penalty notices for illegal parking on a taxi rank.

Street Trading Carnivals

Nine casual street trading applications have been received for Ilminster Carnival and twelve for Chard Carnival.

Scrap Metal Dealers & Motor Salvage Operators

Enforcement officers carried out a number of inspections at registered scrap metal dealers and motor salvage operators; I am pleased to report that all registered premises were in compliance with the requirements of the appropriate legislation.

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*
