

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A.1 VARIOUS LICENSING PROVISIONS - APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

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PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report seeks to provide the Committee with data on the number of licences, certificates and permits authorised by the Council recently. The majority of these have been authorised by Officers in accordance with approved schemes of delegation. In future reports, data will be provided on the most recent quarter (April to June, July to September, October to December and January to March) so as to aid comparison between quarters and years. This report also provides the Committee with details of licensing policies that are in place or are proposed with intended development/review time frames.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The details of the licences, certificates and permits granted are set out under the separate headings below:

(i) Premises Licences/Club Premises Certificates

The total of Premises Licences / Club Premises Certificates that have been approved under Delegated Powers during the period 31 August 2022 to 31 January 2023. For comparison, the following also shows the numbers approved for the periods shown:

Type of Licence	Number of Licences as at			
	22 March to 24 October 2019	25 October 2019 to 4 January 2022	5 January to 31 August 2022	31 August 2022 to 31 January 2023
Premises Licences/Club Premises Certificates - Approved	29	142	48	26

(ii) Personal Licences under the Licensing Act 2003

The total of Personal Licences approved under Delegated Powers since 7 February 2005, the 'First Appointed Day' on the dates shown were.

Type of Licence	Number of Licences as at
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	25 October 2019	4 January 2022	31 August 2022	31 January 2023
Personal Licences	2142	2292	2318	2372

(iii) **Gambling Licences/Permits**

Below is a table showing the number of gambling licences and permits that were licensed with this Authority on the dates shown.

Type of Licence	Number of Licences as at			
	25 October 2019	4 January 2022	31 August 2022	31 January 2023
Adult Gaming Centres	24	22	21	19
Betting Premises	15	12	12	11
Bingo Premises	10	11	12	14
Family Entertainment Centres	3	4	4	2
Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centres	30	29	29	29
Prize Gaming Permits	2	2	2	2
Club Gaming & Club Machine Permits	27	23	23	24
Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits	20	22	25	21
Licensed Premises Machine Notifications	126	117	117	114
Small Society Lottery Permits	114	107	105	120

(iv) **Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Licence**

Below is a table showing the number of drivers, vehicles and operators that were licensed with this Authority on the dates shown.

Type of Licence	Number of Licences as at			
	25 October 2019	4 January 2022	31 August 2022	31 January 2023
Hackney Carriage Driver	318	279	277	278
Private Hire Driver	10	7	7	7
Hackney Carriage Vehicle	245	204	216	201
Private Hire Vehicle	25	28	27	26
Private Hire Operator	21	23	22	19
Temporary Insurance Vehicles	N/A	14	10	5

Although the numbers of driver applications processed is broadly the same now has been the case over the last year, there has been a drop in the number of existing licenced drivers renewing (and a comparative increase in new individuals becoming licensed).

Licensing Policies List

Below is a table showing the licensing policies currently in place with the timescales and proposal of new policies that Officers will be working on going forward.

Licensing Enforcement Policy	Adopted 06 August 2019 Expires 06 August 2024
Gambling Act 2005 – Gambling Licensing Policy Statement	Adopted 29 March 2022 Expires 28 March 2025
Licensing Act 2003 – Statement of Licensing Policy	Adopted 22 November 2022 Expires 22 November 2027
CCTV Policy in Taxis	Approved in 2013 and it is proposed that it will become part of the cohesive Taxi Policy referred to elsewhere in the business for this meeting of the Committee.
Sex Establishment Policy	Adopted 2018 – To be reviewed in 2024.

Proposed Policies List

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy	Proposed to be submitted in 2023
Licensing Act 2003 Films Classification Policy	Proposed to be submitted in 2024
Street Collection and House to House Policy	Proposed to be submitted in 2026
Street Trading Policy	Proposed to be submitted in 2026
Scrap Metal	Proposed to be submitted in 2026
Pavement Licence Policy	Proposed to be submitted in 2023 (on the basis that legislation introduces this as more than a temporary provision arising out of a back to business arrangement following the Covid-19 pandemic and associated restrictions).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee notes the information set out in this report including the proposed development/review for Licensing Policies.

APPENDIX

None

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