LICENSING AND REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

31 JANUARY 2024

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A.5 <u>VARIOUS LICENSING PROVISIONS - APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS</u>

(Report prepared by Michael Cook)

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 in quarter 2 2023/24. The majority of these have been authorised by Officers in accordance with approved schemes of delegation. Data is provided to Committee on the most recent complete quarters (April to June, July to September, October to December and January to March) together with previous quarters so as to aid comparison between quarters and years. Enforcement figures will be reported on at the next Committee.

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 | Nun | nber of Licences as at | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| | January to March 2023 (Q4 2022/23) | April to June 2023 (Q1 2023/24) | July to Sept 2023 (Q2 2023/24) | Oct to Dec 2023 (Q3 2023/24) |
| Premises Licences/Club Premises Certificates - Approved | 26 | 15 | 16 | 10 |

(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 | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| | March 2023 (End of Q4 2022/23) | June 2023 (End of Q1 2023/24) | July to Sept 2023 (Q2 2023/24) | Oct to Dec 2023 (Q3 2023/24) |
| Personal Licences | 2381 | 2409 | 2436 | 2456 |

(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 | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| | March 2023 (End of Q4 2022/23) | June 2023 (End of Q1 2023/24) | July to Sept 2023 (Q2 2023/24) | Oct to Dec 2023 (Q3 2023/24) |
| Adult Gaming Centres | 19 | 19 | 17 | 17 |
| Betting Premises | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Bingo Premises | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Family Entertainment Centres | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centres | 29 | 29 | 27 | 27 |
| Prize Gaming Permits | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Club Gaming & Club Machine Permits | 23 | 23 | 22 | 22 |
| Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits | 21 | 22 | 21 | 21 |
| Licensed Premises Machine Notifications | 116 | 116 | 116 | 122 |

| Small Society Lottery Permits | 117 | 116 | 114 | 122 |
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(iv) <u>Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Licence</u>

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 | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| | March 2023 (End of Q4 2022/23) | June 2023 (End of Q1 2023/24) | July to Sept 2023 (Q2 2023/24) | Oct to Dec 2023 (Q3 2023/24) |
| Hackney Carriage Driver | 280 | 279 | 285 | 287 |
| Private Hire Driver | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Hackney Carriage Vehicle | 200 | 198 | 200 | 202 |
| Private Hire Vehicle | 27 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| Private Hire Operator | 18 | 19 | 20 | 19 |
| Temporary Insurance Vehicles | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 |

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.

In addition to the above, the Committee is advised that, at its next meeting, it will receive a report on the progress undertaken against the routine inspection position agreed at this point in 2023 and will be invited to determine the routine inspection position for 2024/25.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee notes the information set out in this report.

| APPENDIX | |
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