

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

20 JANUARY 2025

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR - GOVERNANCE

A.3 VARIOUS LICENSING PROVISIONS - APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

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 4 2024/25. 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.

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 quarter periods. For comparison, the following also shows the numbers approved for the periods shown:

Type of Licence	Number of Licences as at			
	Jan to March 2024 (Q4 2023/24)	April to June 2024 (Q1 2024/25)	July to Sept 2024 (Q2 2024/25)	Oct to Dec 2024 (Q3 2024/25)
Premises Licences/Club Premises Certificates - Approved	21	15	18	16

(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			
	Jan to March 2024 (Q4 2023/24)	April to June 2024 (Q1 2024/25)	July to Sept 2024 (Q2 2024/25)	Oct to Dec 2024 (Q3 2024/25)
Personal Licences	2456	2479	2490	2503

(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			
	Jan to March 2024 (Q4 2023/24)	April to June 2024 (Q1 2024/25)	July to Sept 2024 (Q2 2024/25)	Oct to Dec 2024 (Q3 2024/25)
Adult Gaming Centres	17	17	16	16
Betting Premises	11	11	11	11
Bingo Premises	15	15	15	15
Family Entertainment Centres	0	0	0	0
Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centres	26	26	26	26
Prize Gaming Permits	1	1	1	1
Club Gaming & Club Machine Permits	21	21	22	20
Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits	21	20	20	20
Licensed Premises Machine Notifications	120	119	124	122
Small Society Lottery Permits	118	117	122	118

(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			
	Jan to March 2024 (Q4 2023/24)	April to June 2024 (Q1 2024/25)	July to Sept 2024 (Q2 2024/25)	Oct to Dec 2024 (Q3 2024/25)
Hackney Carriage Driver	290	289	292	279
Private Hire Driver	7	8	7	6
Hackney Carriage Vehicle	208	202	194	191
Private Hire Vehicle	30	28	26	28
Private Hire Operator	19	19	17	11
Temporary Insurance Vehicles	0	1	1	1

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).

A presentation slide will be presented to Members at the Committee outlining the number of applications that have been dealt with over the last quarter.

The licensing service have also started sending out a "How did we do?" survey to all licence holders upon issuing the licence and any feedback received is being reviewed.

RECOMMENDATION

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

APPENDIX

None

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