

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Registration and Licensing Committee**

1st August 2016

### **Report of the Head of Legal Services – David Michael**

**Matter for Information**

**Wards Affected:** All

### **Licensing Section - Annual Report**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

To provide information to members in relation to Licensing matters for the period 2015 – 2016.

#### **Executive Summary**

The Licensing Section is responsible for ensuring that the Council fulfils its statutory duty in respect of the administration and enforcement of licensing matters detailed in this report.

#### **Background**

The Licensing Section is responsible for the administration and enforcement of licences and registrations that are issued for the following functions:-

Hackney Carriage (taxis) and Private Hire

Alcohol and Entertainment licences

Gambling premises i.e. Bingo Halls, Betting Shops, Arcades

Charitable Collections

Boats and Boatmen

Firework Storage

Hairdressers

Petroleum Storage

Poisons

Scrap Metal Dealers

Sex Establishments and Sexual Entertainment Venues

Stage Hypnotism

Street Trading

An annual report for the period 2014 – 2015 was reported to members in July 2015, for comparison purposes, these figures are shown below in brackets.

### Taxis and Private Hire Vehicle

The Licensing Section issue licences for hackney carriage vehicles and drivers and private hire vehicles, driver and operators. Licensing Officers carry out inspection of licensed drivers and vehicles during routine stop checks in addition to the pre arranged inspections that take place at Tregelles court. The tables below provide information on the taxi and private hire function

Table 1 - Number of drivers, vehicles and operators as of 31st March 2016 & number of new applications received between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2016

Type of Licence	No. of licence holders	New Applications
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		Total	Granted	Refused
Hackney Carriage Drivers	0 (324)	9 (26)	8 (23)	1 (3)
Private Hire Drivers	0 (53)	6 (32)	6 (32)	
Dual Drivers	368	10	10	
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	266 (253)	22 (14)	22 (14)	0 (0)
Private Hire Vehicles	33 (30)	5 (12)	5 (12)	0 (0)
Private Hire Operators	16 (17)	2 (7)	2 (7)	0 (0)

Table 2 – Scheduled vehicle inspections carried out between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2016.

Type of Licence	Inspections		
	Total	Passed	Failed
Hackney Carriage	531 (519)	318 (358)	213 (161)

Vehicles			
Private Hire Vehicles	59 (66)	36 (53)	23 (13)

Table 3 – Random vehicle inspections carried out between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2016.

Type of Licence	Inspections			
	Total	Passed	Failed	
			Immediate Suspension	Deferred Suspension
	161 (163)	146 (145)		
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	155 (160)	141 (142)	13 (8)	1 (10)
Private Hire Vehicles	6 (3)	5 (3)	1 (0)	0 (0)

Table 4 – Number of drivers suspended or revoked between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2016.

Type of Licence		
	Suspended	Revoked
Driver	4	1

## Alcohol and Entertainment

Since November 2005, the Licensing Section has been responsible for the administration and enforcement of licences for premises which sell / supply alcohol and/ or provide regulated entertainment and / or provide late night refreshment. The tables below provide information on the function.

Table 1 – Number of licensed premises as of 31st March 2016.

Type of Licence	No. of licences
Premises Licences	478 (476)
Club Premises Certificates	76 (78)
Personal Licences	1475 (1405)

Table 2 - Number of applications received between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2016

Type of Application	No. of applications	No. of applications that went to a committee hearing

	Total	Granted	Refused	
New Premises	18 (8)	18 (8)	0 (0)	22 (13)
Variation of Premises	6 (11)	6 (11)	0 (0)	
New Club	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	variations
Variation of Club	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	new premises
Minor Variation of Premises or Club	7 (12)	7 (12)	0 (0)	TEN
	Received	Granted	Withdrawn	n/a
Temporary Event Notices	227 (191)	217 (181)	10 (3)	Returned
				0 (7)

Table 3 – Number of applications for review of a premises licence or club certificate between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2016

Type of Licence	No. of reviews & action taken	

	Total	Hours Modified	Activity partially restricted	Conditions added / modified	DPS removed	Licence Suspended	Licence Revoked
Premises Licence	0 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (1)
Club Premises Certificate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)

### Gambling Premises

Since September 2007, the Licensing Section has been responsible for the administration and enforcement of premises used for gambling. These include Casinos, bingo halls, betting shops, arcades and tracks.

Table 1 – Number of licensed premises as of 31st March 2016 and number of new applications

Type of Licence	Number of licences	No. of new applications		
		Total	Granted	Refused

Casino	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Betting Shop	16 (19)	0 (1)	0 (1)	0 (0)
Adult Gaming Centre	3 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Family Entertainment Centre	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Bingo Hall	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Track	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Lottery Registration	125 (131)	12 (10)	12 (10)	0 (0)

### Other Licensing Functions

The Licensing Section is responsible for the administration and enforcement of a number of other licensing functions. The type of authorisation issued by the Licensing Section is determined by the relevant legislation, this is usually either a licence, consent, registration or a permit. The table below outlines the various functions which are the responsibility of the Licensing Section and the type and number of authorisations issued.

Table 1 – Number of authorisations for each licensing type as of 31st March 2016

Function	Type of	Type of	No. of
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	Licence	Authorisation	authorisations
Street Trading	Mobile	Consent	9 (7)
	Static	Consent	23 (19)
Animal Licensing	Riding Establishment	Licence	3 (3)
	Animal Boarding Establishments	Licence	16 (14)
	Dog Breeding Establishments	Licence	9 (9)
	Dangerous Wild Animals	Licence	2 (3)
	Pet Shops	Licence	6 (6)
	Performing Animals	Registration	3 (3)
Charitable Collections  (01/04/15- 31/03/16)	House To House	Licence	54 (32)
	Street Collection	Permit	63 (37)

Pleasure Boats	Boat	Licence	1 (1)
	Boatman	Licence	16 (16)
Fireworks	Storage Licence	Licence	23 (22)
	Supply Licence	Licence	1 (1)
Hairdressers		Registration	168 (168)
Petroleum		Licence	19 (19)
Poisons		No Longer Regulated	0 (12)
Scrap Metal Dealers	Site	Licence	10 (9)
	Collector	Licence	28 (27)

Sex Establishments	Sex Shops	Licence	0 (0)
	Sexual Encounter Venue	Licence	0 (0)
	Sex Cinema	Licence	0 (0)
Stage Hypnotism		Consent	0 (0)
Tattooing, cosmetic piercing, electrolysis and acupuncture		Consent	30 (0)

## Complaints

The Licensing Section receives complaints in relation to licensed and unlicensed premises and persons. All complaints received by the Section are logged and investigated by officers. The table below provides

information on the number of complaints received and investigated by the Licensing Section between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2016.

Table 1 – Complaints dealt with between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2016

Type of Licence	No. of Complaints
Taxis	67 (75)
Alcohol and Entertainment Premises	48 (55)
Gambling Premises	1 (0)
Street Trading	9 (12)
Animal Licensing	27 (19)
Charitable Collections	1 (3)
Pleasure Boats	0 (0)
Fireworks	1 (1)
Hairdressers	0 (0)
Petroleum	0 (0)
Tattooing etc	2 (0)

Scrap Metal Dealers	2 (0)
Sex Establishments	0 (0)
Stage Hypnotism	0 (0)

## **Officer Report**

That members note the details contained in the report.

## **Equality Impact Assessment**

Not Applicable

## **Legal Impacts**

Not Applicable

## **Risk Management**

Not applicable

## **Consultation**

Not applicable

## **Recommendation**

That members note the details contained in the report.

## **Reasons for Proposed Decision**

Not applicable

## **Implementation of Decision**

Not applicable

## **Appendices**

Not Applicable

## **List of Background Papers**

Not Applicable

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