

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Registration and Licensing Committee

11th September 2017

Report of the Head of Legal Services – David Michael

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All

Licensing Section - Annual Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide information to members in relation to licensing matters for the period 2016 – 2017.

Executive Summary

2. 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

3. 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

Scrap Metal Dealers

Sex Establishments and Sexual Entertainment Venues

Stage Hypnotism

Street Trading

Tattooing, Cosmetic Piercing, Acupuncture

Taxis and Private Hire Vehicle

4. An annual report for the period 2015 – 2016 was reported to members in August 2016, for comparison purposes, these figures are shown below in brackets.
5. 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

6. Table 1 - Number of drivers, vehicles and operators as of 31st March 2017 and the number of new applications received between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017

Type of Licence	No. of licence holders	New Applications		
		Total	Granted	Refused

Dual Drivers (both hackney carriage and private hire)	341 (368)	28(10)	27 (10)	1 (1)
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	255 (266)	19 (22)	19 (22)	0 (0)
Private Hire Vehicles	37 (33)	11 (5)	11 (5)	0 (0)
Private Hire Operators	17 (16)	1 (2)	1 (2)	1 (0)

7. Table 2 – Scheduled vehicle inspections carried out between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017

Type of Licence	Inspections		
	Total	Passed	Failed
Hackney Carriage and private hire vehicles	623 (590)	381= 61% pass rate (354 = 60% pass rate)	242 - 39% failure rate (236 - 40% failure rate)

8. Table 3 – Random vehicle inspections carried out between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017

Type of Licence	Inspections			
	Total	Passed	Failed	
			Immediate Suspension	Deferred Suspension
Hackney Carriage and private hire vehicles	146 (161)	141 (146)	5 (14)	0 (1)

9. Table 4 – Number of drivers suspended or revoked between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017.

Type of Licence		
	Suspended	Revoked
Driver	5 (4)	1 (1)

10. 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.

11. Table 1 – Number of licensed premises as of 31st March 2017.

Type of Licence	No. of licences
Premises Licences	481 (478)
Club Premises Certificates	75 (76)
Personal Licences	1567 (1475)

12. Table 2 - Number of applications received between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017

Type of Application	No. of applications			No. of applications that went to a committee hearing
	Total	Granted	Refused	
New Premises	16 (18)	16 (18)	0 (0)	

14. 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.

15. Table 1 – Number of licensed premises as of 31st March 2017 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 (16)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Adult Gaming Centre	4 (3)	1 (0)	1 (0)	1 (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	128 (125)	12(12)	12 (12)	0 (0)

16. 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.

17. Table 1 – Number of authorisations for each licensing type as of 31st March 2017

Function	Type of Licence	Type of Authorisation	No. of authorisations
Street Trading	Mobile	Consent	6 (9)
	Static	Consent	18 (23)
Animal Licensing	Riding Establishment	Licence	3 (3)
	Animal Boarding Establishments	Licence	17 (16)
	Dog Breeding Establishments	Licence	10 (9)
	Dangerous Wild Animals	Licence	2 (2)
	Pet Shops	Licence	6 (6)

	Performing Animals	Registration	5 (3)
Charitable Collections	House To House	Licence	61 (54)
	Street Collection	Permit	80 (63)
Pleasure Boats	Boat	Licence	0 (1)
	Boatman	Licence	3 (16)
Fireworks	Storage Licence	Licence	27 (23)
	Supply Licence	Licence	1 (1)
Hairdressers		Registration	169 (168)
Petroleum		Licence	19 (19)

Poisons		No Longer Regulated	0 (0)
Scrap Metal Dealers	Site	Licence	11 (10)
	Collector	Licence	10 (28)
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,		Consent	42 (30)

electrolysis and acupuncture			
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18. 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.

19. Table 1 – Complaints dealt with between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017

Type of Licence	No. of Complaints
Taxis	56 (67)
Alcohol and Entertainment Premises	38 (48)
Gambling Premises	1 (1)
Street Trading	5 (9)
Animal Licensing	17 (27)
Charitable Collections	6 (1)
Pleasure Boats	0 (0)

Fireworks	0 (1)
Hairdressers	0 (0)
Petroleum	0 (0)
Tattooing etc	3 (2)
Scrap Metal Dealers	4 (2)
Sex Establishments	0 (0)
Stage Hypnotism	0 (0)

Officer Report

20. That members note the details contained in the report.

Financial Impact

21. There are no financial impacts associated with this report

Equality Impact Assessment

22. There are no equality impacts associated with this report

Work force Impact

23. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report

Legal Impacts

24. There are no legal impacts associated with this report

Risk Management

25. There are no risk management issues associated with this report

Consultation

26. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendation

27. That members note the details contained in the report.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

28. Not applicable

Implementation of Decision

29. Not applicable

Appendices

30. Not applicable

List of Background Papers

31. Not applicable

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