

LICENSING COMMITTEE

11 MARCH 2021

UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE AND ENFORCEMENT MATTERS

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To inform Committee of the activity and performance of the Licensing Team between 1 October and 31 December 2020 inclusive and to provide Members with details of current ongoing enforcement issues.

2.0 Background

2.1 This report covers the period from 1 October and 31 December 2020 inclusive and sets out the range and number of licence applications during this period. It also highlights any activity required as a result of the applications.

Activity Report for 1 October to 31 December 2020

Application Type	Number Received	Number Issued	Number Refused	Comments
Personal Licence	7	7		
Vary the Designated Premise Supervisor	15	15		
Transfer of Premise Licence	2	2		
Minor Variation	1	1		
Variation to Premise Licence	1	1		
New Premise licence	2	2		
Change of Premise Name	0	0		
Notification of Interest	0	0		
Surrendered Licences	4			
Temporary Event Notices	20	20		1 withdrawn

2.2 By way of comparison, the number of Temporary Event Notices received for the same period last year was 85.

2.3 Enforcement Activity

Ongoing Enforcement Activity 1st October and 31st December 2020

Location	Summary of Complaint/Reason for Visit	Date Case Opened	Action Taken So Far
White Swan, Newark	Report that the pub would be hosting a birthday party outside of current Covid restrictions	01.10.2020	Further reports were received after the weekend of the event in question. LEO seized CCTV in conjunction with Police, which showed disregard to Covid restrictions. Alan Batty authorised a £1000 Fixed Penalty Notice which was served by LEO and was paid.

Old Volunteer, Caythorpe	Complaint believed that staff members had tested positive for Covid but that they would open the pub anyway and no track and trace system at premises	01.10.2020	LEO visited and saw a good track and trace system in place. They have had 2 positive cases but had taken advice and were shut for 2 weeks.
Dapper Spaniel, Rolleston	Report of customers not social distancing, and concerns about noise from outside area.	05.10.2020	LEO visited and spoke to DPS. On the night in question there was a group of people who were not complying with social distancing. DPS warned them on a number of occasions and eventually asked them to leave. They have since put more Covid safety measures in place. Advice given re ensuring these are adhered to. Re noise, DPS said the event in question was finished by 21.30 and was a one off event.
Co-op Store, Ropewalk, Southwell	Informed by Police that when investigating a shoplifting incident, staff at the premises could not access CCTV and further enquiries found the CCTV system not capable of providing the evidence required. This is a breach of their licence condition regarding CCTV.	05.10.2020	LEO visited and spoke to store manager. Explained duty to comply with licensing objectives and conditions on licence for CCTV to provide images to Police immediately and for sufficient members of staff to be trained on using CCTV system. He acknowledged the failing on this occasion and they have now trained all duty managers/team leaders to use CCTV and have built in resilience if one of them is off work.
Query Rutland Arms, Newark	Video on social media of a party/disco, possibly at the Rutland Arms, which would have breached current Covid Restrictions	06.10.2020	LEO spoke to Rutland Arms who denied that any functions have been held recently. No further action as could not identify the location of this party.
Tom Browns, Gunthorpe	Complainant drove past and saw lots of people drinking outside at 10.50pm	07.10.2020	LEO viewed footage from complainant which showed a small group of people. LEO spoke to DPS who said that this was staff. Advice given.
Dapper Spaniel, Rolleston	Concerns that the pub are planning concerts for every Saturday between now and Christmas in an outdoor shelter. Complainants said that the events so far have been very noisy.	07.10.2020	LEO spoke to DPS who said that he has been measuring noise levels which have been around 60 decibels which he believes is reasonable. Also says music always finished by 8:45pm and pub closed at 10pm due to Covid rules. Advised to continue to monitor noise levels and to be kept to a reasonable level.

Plough, Coddington	Complainant rang police to report rowdy behaviour in the beer garden. The landlord found out that the complainant had spoken to Police and threatened him with violence. Police attended.	12.10.2020	Another complaint was received about this incident. LEO checked with Police records which showed no offences recorded. LEO spoke to DPS who says there was a verbal altercation but denies making threats. Advice given re managing rowdy customers.
Red Lion, Thurgaton	Complaint of noise from premises	12.10.2020	LEO visited and heard music at a more than acceptable level. Spoke to manager who said that music is always played at that level. Advice given, no further complaints received.
Newark Kebabs and Pizzas	Report of premise not following Covid safety measures	16.10.2020	LEO visited and advised re staff to wear face masks, to wear gloves when serving food, ensure customers in shop are informed to wear face masks and to have hand sanitiser available for customers. He agreed to put all these measures in place.
Bodrum Kebabs, Newark	Report of premise not following Covid safety measures	16.10.2020	LEO visited and advised re staff to wear face masks, to wear gloves when serving food, ensure customers in shop are informed to wear face masks and to have hand sanitiser available for customers. He agreed to put all these measures in place. Also informed to put notice on door to limit number of people inside shop to no more than 4 at any one time.
Old Theatre Deli, Southwell	Report of no social distancing	19.10.2020	LEO visited and was happy with the social distancing measures in place both inside and outside.
Rose Cottage Restaurant, Rufford	Report of no social distancing	19.10.2020	LEO visited premises and Covid safety measures appeared in order. Tables and chairs arranged for social distancing.
Red Lion, Wellow	Report of no social distancing	19.10.2020	LEO visited premises and Covid safety measures appeared in order.
Farndon Ferry	Premises have a marquee to use as an outdoor area (different Covid regs for indoors and outdoors), however they have enclosed one end which means the structure is now classed as 'indoor'. Also report of track and trace system not being adhered to.	28.10.2020	LEO visited and spoke to DPS, who showed the track and trace system. DPS said that he would change the marquee. LEO plans to revisit when the premises reopens after lockdown.

Magna Charta. Lowdham	Report that the premises allows different households to sit together inside	29.10.2020	LEO spoke to DPS on phone. Checked that they have a robust system in place when booking in customers to check that they are from same household. Advised that all staff are reminded to ensure that they check with every customer and that they record this has been done. She agreed that this will be done.
Old Post Office, Newark	Report passed from Police of staff not wearing masks or face shields. No hand sanitiser or one way system.	02.10.2020	LEO has visited this premises multiple times and found good Covid safety measures.
Madisons, Newark	Premises offering £25 for all you can drink, along with food. Complainant wanted to know if this was a breach of current rules	02.11.2020	This was looked at in conjunction with Police, however no further action taken as the premises licence was revoked by Licensing Hearing Panel.
Royal Pizza, Blidworth	Covid inspection	10.11.2020	LEO visited and saw manager. Staff not wearing face coverings whilst serving customers and no screens. Advised to rectify and agreed to comply. LEO kept obs on premises and saw customers being served by staff still not wearing face coverings. Spoke to manager and reminded him of earlier visit and advice. He apologised and said he would now ensure that they would comply and staff would wear face coverings when serving customers. LEO informed him that this would be a final warning. Local Police Officers also informed to keep monitoring.
Newark Town and District Club	Report that meetings still being held	13.11.2020	LEO spoke to Steward who was adamant that there have been no meetings. Complainant may have seen someone coming in to do repairs or people parking on the premises. No further complaints
Maypole, Wellow	Report passed on from Police of a regular lock in at the premises	17.11.2020	LEO spoke to manager and viewed CCTV, which shows no evidence of any lock ins. Staff members have been on the premises cleaning, for meetings etc. but no customers.
Newark Cue Club	Reported to the Police that the premises has been continually used through latest lockdown	25.11.2020	LEO liaised with Police and visited on a number of occasions including late afternoons and evenings. No activity seen at the premises.

Tom Browns, Gunthorpe	Footage on Facebook showed a collection area in the premises. Under tier 3 restrictions customer are not allowed to collect from indoors	01.12.2020	LEO visited and spoke to manager. He said that all customers who have pre ordered alcohol with or without food collect from inside one of the open marquees at the front of the premises. LEO advised him that as the marquees had three sides they are classed as 'on' the premises and therefore under the Covid regs, alcohol cannot be served 'on' the premises.
Spar, Lowdham	Routine inspection	07.12.2020	5x action points noted from the visit. LEO following up on these
Rose Cottage Restaurant, Rufford	Report of customers inside the premises when it should be takeaway food only	14.12.2020	LEO visited and spoke to manager, who said that the premise is only open once a week for takeaways, and on the date in question they has workmen in the premises doing refurb work. Satisfied that this wasn't a Covid rules breach.
Munchies, Ollerton	Covid inspection	15.12.2020	LEO visited premises and saw manager. Advised re staff not wearing face coverings whilst serving customers. He agreed to comply from now onwards.
Pizza Italia, Ollerton	Covid inspection	15.12.2020	Visited premises and saw manager. Advised re staff not wearing face coverings when serving customers, and he agreed to comply from now onwards. Also said he was getting screens put up, but told to wear masks until this was done.
Kashmir Tandoori, Edwinstowe	Covid inspection	15.10.2020	LEO visited premises and spoke to manager. No Covid safety measures evident at all, so advised strongly that they put notices up re customers to wear face coverings, mark out social distancing inside reception, allow ltd number of people inside, have hand sanitiser available for customers and staff to wear face coverings when serving customers. He agreed to put measures in place.
Bridge & Bay Leaf, Gunthorpe	Report passed on from Police of lots of customers inside premises	16.12.2020	LEO visited and saw no customers present. Staff explained that they have a few delivery drivers, advised re staff social distancing and use of face coverings whilst waiting around to pick up food to deliver
Full Moon, Morton	Police received a report that customers were being allowed to drink inside whilst waiting for their order	16.12.2020	LEO spoke to DPS and is happy that the people seen inside the premises were the family of the DPS who often eat in the restaurant area.

Tom Browns, Gunthorpe	Report to police that customers are not social distancing when picking up their takeaways	16.12.2020	LEOs have observed the pub and seen nothing untoward.
Tony's, Bilsthorpe	Report of shop not adhering to Covid safety measures	17.12.2020	LEO visited premises and saw manager. Signs up at door for customers to wear masks, social distancing markings on floor and also hand sanitiser available on counter for customers. Advice given re asking customers to wear masks
Kashmir Tandoori, Edwinstowe	Report of lack of Covid safety measures	22.12.2020	LEO visited and saw basic Covid safety measures in place, hand sanitiser on reception and staff wearing face covering. Advised to put notices up on door to remind customers to wear face coverings.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee consider the contents of the report and identifies any issues it wishes to examine further.

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