

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

10 JUNE 2021

UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE AND ENFORCEMENT MATTERS

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To inform the Committee of the activity and performance of the Licensing Team and to provide Members with details of current ongoing enforcement issues.

2.0 Background

2.1 A new applicant for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers or Private Ambulance Drivers Licence have to undergo various checks. These include a: Disclosure and Barring check; DVLA check; two references are required; Group II medical; and knowledge & ability tests.

2.2 This report covers the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021 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.

Application Type	New Applications Received	Renewal of Applications Received	Number Issued	Comments
Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver	0	22	22	
Ambulance Drivers	0	13	13	
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	5	26	31	
Private Hire Vehicles	0	6	6	
Private Ambulance Vehicle Licence	10	69	79	

2.3 Street Collections

No street collections were applied for the period 1 January to 31 March 2021. This is due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the UK being under lockdown.

2.4 House to House Collections

The table below sets out the numbers of collections undertaken within the reporting period of 1 January to 31 March 2021 and the charities supported. The organisations undertaking the collections are required to complete a return that sets out the 80 % of the collection that is returned to the charity.

Charity	Date	Total Amount Collected	% Returned to Charity
Children with Cancer UK	26.01.21	£38.42	85%
Just Helping Children Charity	07.02.21	£212.80	100%

2.5 Enforcement Issues

Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Ongoing Enforcement Activity between 1 January to 31 March 2021

Location	Activity	Date Case Opened	Action Taken So Far
Middle Gate, Newark	Report of a Wolverhampton-plate Z Cars vehicle parked on the taxi rank.	04.01.21	The information was passed to City of Wolverhampton Council, who replied to say the driver in question had been spoken to and warned not to park on ranks.
Middle Gate, Newark	Sighting of a taxi driver using mobile phone whilst driving.	05.01.21	The driver in question was spoke to by LEO. Driver denied using his phone while driving. Advice given.
Northgate Railway Station	Complaint of a licensed driver swearing at another driver.	08.02.21	The complainant's company gave LEO details of 2 other drivers with concerns about the driver in question's conduct. LEO collated the concerns and delivered a warning letter to the offending driver.
	Licensed vehicle seen with back plate not properly displayed	17.02.21	LEO spoke to the driver's father, who passed on the message. LEO later observed plate fitted correctly.

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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