

Report to: General Purposes Committee Meeting – 22 September 2022

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Report Summary	
Report Title	Update on Performance and Enforcement Matters
Purpose of Report	To provide Members of the Committee with details of the various activities undertaken by the Licensing Team in relation to Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers, Private Ambulance Drivers together with House to House and Street Collections
Recommendation	That the report be noted.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 This report covers the period from 1 April to 30 June 2022 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 Rec'd	Renewal of Applications Rec'd	Number Issued	Comments
Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver	6	12	16	2 pending
Ambulance Drivers	6	8	13	1 withdrawn
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	10	10		
Private Hire Vehicles	1	5		
Private Ambulance Vehicle Licence	0	9		

1.3 Street Collections

The Licensing authority has not received any applications for street collections for the reporting period of 1 April to 30 June 2022.

1.4 House to House Collections

The table below sets out the numbers of collections undertaken within the reporting period of 1 April to 30 June 2022 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	21.04.22	£65.88	85%
World Cancer Care	June 2022	£402.00	100%
Children with Cancer UK	17.06.22	46.65	85%

1.5 Enforcement Issues

Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Ongoing Enforcement Activity between 1 April to 30 June 2022

Location	Activity	Date Case Opened	Action Taken So Far
Newark	HC vehicle seen driving with rear plate displayed in back window	25.04.22	LEO spoke to the driver who has moved the plate to the correct place
Castle House	HC vehicle inspection	25.04.22	All in order
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Castle House	PH vehicle inspection	25.04.22	All in order
Castle House	PH vehicle inspection	25.04.22	1x action now completed
Castle House	PH vehicle inspection	25.04.22	1x action now completed
Castle House	PH vehicle inspection	25.04.22	All in order
Castle House	HC vehicle inspection	25.04.22	1x action now completed
Castle House	HC vehicle inspection	25.04.22	All in order
Castle House	PH vehicle inspection	25.04.22	All in order
Newark	Complaint of black smoke from HC vehicle	28.04.22	LEO observed vehicle with no smoke. Spoke to the driver who explained there had been an issue with the vehicle but is now fixed.

Castle House	HC vehicle inspection	24.05.22	All in order
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Castle House	HC vehicle inspection	24.05.22	All in order
Castle House	PH vehicle inspection	24.05.22	1x action now completed
Northgate Railway Station, Newark	Complaint re Z Cars refusing fares/not showing when pre booked	30.05.22	Email to Wolverhampton City Council and DG Cars. Updated complainant and advised to use NSDC vehicles.
Thornton Close, Bilsthorpe	Complaint of ambulance vehicles parking on street/pavement	26.06.22	LEO spoke to complainant who explained that after communication with the Police there is now only 1 vehicle parking on the street, which is more acceptable. Agreed to contact LEO again if the problem returns.
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2.0 Proposal/Options Considered

This report is intended to provide Members with a summary of the various activities undertaken by the Licensing Team in relation to Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers, Private Hire Ambulance Drivers together with House to House and Street Collections.

3.0 Implications

There are no implications arising from this report

Background Papers and Published Documents

None