

Report to: General Purposes Committee Meeting – 22 June 2023
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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 January to 31 March 2023 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	11	13	22	2 pending
Ambulance Drivers	8	10	15	3 pending
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	9	20	29	
Private Hire Vehicles	0	12	12	
Private Ambulance Vehicle Licence	0	66	66	

1.3 Street Collections

No Street collections took place within the reporting period of 1 January to 31 March 2023.

1.4 House to House Collections

The table below sets out the numbers of collections undertaken within the reporting period of 1 January to 31 March 2023 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
Child and Teenage Cancer and Leukaemia Foundation	Jan 2023	£32	100%
Children with Cancer UK	24.01.23	£53.72	85%
Leukaemia & Myeloma Research UK	09.02.23	£214	80%
World Cancer Care	Jan to March 2023	£289.30	100%

1.5 Enforcement Issues

Enforcement Activity between 1 January to 31st March 2023

Location	Activity	Date Case Opened	Action Taken So Far
Lincoln Street Taxi Rank, Newark	Officer observed 2 HC vehicles on the rank not displaying plates in correct manner.	4.1.2023	LEO advised both vehicles to display the plate correctly as per licence conditions. LEO re-inspected and all in order.
HC Newark	Complaint that a HC had an illegal number plate	26.1.2023	LEO spoke to HC proprietor who changed the number plate.
London Road, Newark	Complaint regarding driving standards and aggressive behaviour of taxi driver	28.1.2023	LEO spoke to driver who denied aggressive behaviour. Driver was issued a letter reminding them of their behaviours whilst driving a licensed vehicle.
Coral, Dale Lane, Blidworth	Routine Inspection	27.2.2023	2 x actions (summary on display, plan of premise to be made available) LEO follow up – all in order

HC Newark	Routine inspection of vehicle at Deport	1.3.2023	LEO spoke to driver as car failed inspection due to the cleanliness and foul smell of the car. The driver was reminded of standard expected of drivers and their vehicles.
HC, Castle House, Newark	Routine Inspection	8.3.2023	All in order
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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

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, Officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding and Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment, where appropriate.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None