

Report to: General Purposes Committee – 20 March 2025

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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 New applicants for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers or Private Ambulance Drivers Licences must 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 October to 31 December 2024 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	2	11	13	
Ambulance Drivers	2	6	7	
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	2	15	17	
Private Hire Vehicles	3	5	8	
Private Ambulance Vehicle Licence	5	19	24	

1.3 Street Collections

The table below sets out the numbers of collections undertaken within the reporting period of 1 October to 31 December 2024 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
No Collections			

1.4 House to House Collections

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Charity	Date	Total Amount Collected	% Returned to Charity
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1.5 Enforcement Issues

Enforcement Activity between 1 October to 31 December 2024:

Location	Activity	Date Case Opened	Action Taken So Far
Middlegate, Newark	Taxi inspection	21/10/2024	AIO
Newark Hospital	Taxi complaint	5/11/2024	Took months to obtain evidence from witness of taxi driver causing obstruction and being abusive to security staff. Taxi driver interviewed. Enqs continuing to resolve parking issues to pick up disabled people at hospital.
Lincoln St, Newark	Taxi inspection Plate 32.	9/10/2024.	Everything in order.
Lincoln St, Newark	Taxi inspection Plate 115.	9/10/2024.	Everything in order.
Middlegate, Newark.	Taxi inspection Plate 68.	9/10/2024.	Everything in order.
Middlegate, Newark .	Taxi inspection Plate 53.	9/10/2024.	Everything in order.
Middlegate, Newark.	Taxi inspection Plate 09.	11/10/2024.	Everything in order.
Northgate Railway Station.	Taxi inspection Plate 12.	11/10/2024.	Everything in order.
Lincoln St, Newark.	Taxi inspection Plate 93.	7/11/2024.	Everything in order.
Lincoln St, Newark.	Taxi inspection Plate 84.	7/11/2024.	Everything in order
Lincoln St, Newark.	Taxi inspection Plate 94.	7/11/2024.	Everything in order.
Middlegate, Newark.	Taxi inspection Plate02.	13/11/2024.	Everything in order.
Middlegate, Newark.	Taxi inspection Plate06.	5/12/2024.	Everything in order.

2.0 Proposal/Options Considered

- 2.1 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 & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding & 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