

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

14 MARCH 2019

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 has 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 October to 31 December 2018 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	4	12	12	
Ambulance Drivers	5	7	12	
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	3	15	18	
Private Hire Vehicles	2	11	13	
Ambulance vehicles	3	26	29	

2.3 Street Collections

The table below sets out the numbers of collections undertaken within the reporting period of 1 October to 31 December 2018 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	Location	Date	Total amount collected	% returned to charity
Beaumont House Hospice	Newark	13.10.18	£219.56	100%
Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal	Whole District	27.10.18 - 10.11.18		
Salvation Army	Newark	15.12.18	£650.64	100%
Southwell Lions	Southwell	22.12.18	£707.53	100%
Newark Round Table	Newark	22.12.18		
Edwinstowe And Dukeries Lion Club	Edwinstowe	24.12.18		

2.4 House to House Collections

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Charity	Date	Total Amount Collected	% Returned to Charity
North of England Children's Cancer Research	October 2018	£152.21	81%
Blesma-the Limbless Veterans Charity	29.10.2018	£59.28	85%
Child and Teenage Cancer and Leukaemia Foundation	November 2018	£105	100%
Coping with Cancer North East	November 2018	£131.38	80%
North Of England Children's Cancer Research	November 2018	£104.84	82%
Be Child Cancer Aware	November 2018	£99.00	80%
Southwell and District Lions Club	10-21 December 2018	£6,297.41	95%
Tree of Hope Charity	19 December 2018	£105.82	85%

2.5 Enforcement Issues

Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Ongoing Enforcement Activity between 1 October to 31 December 2018

Location	Activity	Date Case Opened	Action Taken So Far
Middle Gate Rank, Newark	Taxi Inspection x 2 HC	03.10.18	All in order
Lincoln Street Rank, Newark	Complaint about behaviour of two drivers on station rank by a driver of Lincoln Street rank	05.10.18	LEO investigated the situation and advised drivers regarding their behaviour and conduct.
Newark	A series of complaints regarding the conduct and driving standards of a driver.	22.10.18	LEO took a number of statements (approx. 9) from complainants regarding the driving standards, sexual remarks, touching a customer's leg. This information was taken to KW and in consultation with chair and vice chair they suspended his licence in December (please see delegated decision as separate item). His licence expired in December and he withdrew his renewal application on advice from his solicitor.
Middle Gate Rank, Newark	Taxi inspection x 1	22.10.18	All in order

Lincoln Street Rank, Newark	Taxi inspection x 3	24.10.18	All in order
Middle Gate Rank, Newark	Taxi inspection x 1	06.11.18	All in order
Middle Gate Rank, Newark	Taxi inspection x 1	26.11.18	All in order
A617, Newark	Complaint regarding dangerous driving	02.12.18	Following investigation by LEO a written warning was issued to the driver.
Lincoln Street, Newark	Complaint about driver's behaviour and intimidation	15.12.18	Investigation by LEO resulting in verbal warning being issued.

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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