

## **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**5 SEPTEMBER 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 have to undergo various checks. These include a: Disclosure & Barring check; DVLA check; two references are required; Group II medical; and knowledge & ability tests.

2.2 This report covers the period from 1 April to 30 June 2019 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.

<b>Application Type</b>	<b>New Applications Received</b>	<b>Renewal of Applications Received</b>	<b>Number Issued</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver	3	17	17	3 pending
Ambulance Drivers	3	8	11	
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	0	20	20	
Private Hire Vehicles	0	7	7	
Private Ambulance Vehicle Licence	6	6	12	

#### **2.3 Street Collections**

The table below sets out the numbers of collections undertaken within the reporting period of 1 April to 30 June 2019 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.

<b>Charity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Total amount collected</b>	<b>% returned to charity</b>
Marie Curie	Newark	06.04.2019	£238.97	100%
Beaumont House Community Hospice	Newark	08.06.2019	£361.93	100%

#### **2.4 House to House Collections**

The table below sets out the numbers of collections undertaken within the reporting period of 1 April to 30 June 2019 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
Just Helping Children Charity	15.04.19	£279.90	100%
North of England Children's Cancer Research	April 2019	£49.14	80%
Coping with Cancer North East	April 2019	£127.82	80%
Child and Teenage Cancer and Leukaemia Foundation	May 2019	£123.00	100%
Tree of Hope Charity	23.05.19	£100.50	85%
Beads of Courage UK	May 2019	£114.00	80%
Coping with Cancer North East	June 2019	£109.73	80%

## 2.5 Enforcement Issues

### Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Ongoing Enforcement Activity between 1 April to 30 June 2019

Location	Activity	Date Case Opened	Action Taken So Far
North Gate Rank, Newark	Taxi Inspection X 2HC	01.04.19	All in order
Albert Street, Newark	Taxi Complaint regarding Driving Standard	04.04.19	LEO spoke to driver and reminded him of duties and driving standards that are expected of NSDC licensed drivers.
Sherwood Court, Sherwood Avenue, Newark	Taxi Complaint that driver was seen smoking in vehicle	29.05.19	LEO spoke to driver and reminded him of duties as a NSDC driver and that smoking in taxis is illegal.
A17 near Friendly Farmer roundabout, Newark	Taxi Complaint that driver had cut him up	24.04.19	The driver disputed the claims of the complaint and gave a different version of the incident stating that the complainant was in the wrong lane and had caused his own problems.
Middle Gate Rank, Newark	Taxi Inspection X 1HC	21.05.19	All in order
North Gate Station Rank, Newark	Complaint of racist abuse/assault towards another driver.	05.06.19	This incident is being investigated by the Transport Police who are keeping NSDC updated with the progress.

## 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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