

LICENSING COMMITTEE

1.00 P.M.

17TH JULY 2025

PRESENT:- Councillors Paul Tynan (Chair), Louise Belcher, Gerry Blaikie, Maria Deery, Martin Gawith, John Hanson and John Wild

Apologies for Absence

Councillors Sally Maddocks (Vice-Chair), Martin Bottoms and Margaret Pattison

Officers in attendance:

Jennifer Curtis	Licensing Manager
Daniel Spencer	Lawyer
Sarah Jones	Licensing Officer
Sarah Moorghen	Democratic Support Officer

14 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th June 2025 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

15 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR

There were no items of urgent business.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

17 EXEMPT ITEM

It was moved by Councillor Gerry Blaikie, seconded by Councillor Maria Deery and unanimously agreed:

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information, as defined, in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

COUNCILLOR MARTIN GAWITH ARRIVED PART WAY THROUGH THE FOLLOWING ITEM AND DID NOT PARTAKE IN THE DISCUSSION OR THE VOTING THEREON.

18 EXISTING DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE

The Committee received the report of the Licensing Officer for the purpose of determining action on a dual driver's licence (Hackney Carriage and Private Hire). Details of the

individual case and the Chair's summary of the decision are set out in Exempt Minute No.18 in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Decision of the Committee:

The decision of the Committee is set out in Exempt Minute No 18.

THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WERE READMITTED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

19 LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT - COMPLIANCE PROJECT

The Licensing Manager presented a report with provided members with the outcomes of a compliance project undertaken by Licensing Officers.

The Committee was advised that the purpose of the project was to measure and improve levels of compliance across the district in premises providing late-night refreshment, not only in meeting licence conditions of those with a premises licence but to identify businesses that were not licensed and make them aware of their legal responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003.

It was reported that Licensing Officers had inspected 35 premises which held a premises licence for late night refreshments. 19 were found to be compliant and 16 were non-compliant. Those with minor non-compliance were provided with an inspection sheet with actions and followed up with a revisit.

The Committee was advised that 12 premises were identified as carrying out late night refreshment without a premise licence. All 12 were sent a letter and informed they must cease the sale of hot food/drink after 11pm.

It was reported that since the visits to the unlicensed premises 5 had applied and had been granted a new premises licence to carry out late night refreshment, the remainder had either cease trading after 11pm or closed.

The Committee was advised that, after completion of the visits, Officers had planned to hold a large-scale operation with responsible authorities such as the Police and Immigration. However, Licensing Officers now did not believe that such an operation was required due to being satisfied that there was a high level of compliance with premises offering late night refreshment in the district.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

Chair

(The meeting ended at 2.10 p.m.)

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