

LICENSING REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Review of Recent Court Cases 16th July 2015

Report of Licensing Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform members of the outcomes of recent court cases in relation to hackney carriage and private hire drivers.

The report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is requested to note the report.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Members have requested to be kept informed of licensing court cases, and a quarterly report is provided.

1.2 22nd June 2015

David Leslie Scott of Morecambe pleaded guilty to plying for hire in a vehicle that was not licensed as a hackney carriage vehicle. He was fined £210 and ordered to pay £200 costs and a £21 victim surcharge

2.0 Conclusion

2.1 Members are asked to note the report.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

Enforcement of licensing matters helps to assure the public that the Council does consider the issue of the safety of the public.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This prosecution was conducted by one of the Council's internal solicitors. The award of costs against the defendant contributes to the cost of the solicitor's time, which is otherwise met from within existing staff budgets.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council is responsible for ensuring that the legislation in relation to hackney carriage and private hire licensing is enforced.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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