

Committee: Licensing and Environmental Health Committee

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Title: Enforcement Update

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Summary

This report is to inform members of the enforcement activities between 01 April – 30 June 2019.

Recommendations

That members note the contents of this report.

Financial Implications

None arising from this report.

Background Papers

None.

Impact

Communication/Consultation	None.
Community Safety	None.
Equalities	None.
Health and Safety	None.
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None.
Sustainability	None.
Ward-specific impacts	None.
Workforce/Workplace	None.

Situation

1. Between 01 – 30 June 2019, 81 cases were opened involving the licensed private hire and hackney carriage trade. Of these there were 56 relating to drivers, two relating to hackney carriage vehicles, 17 relating to private hire vehicles, one relating to private hire operators and five relation to applicants for licences.
2. The number of licensed premises cases opened during this period was five. There was also one case opened for personal alcohol licence holders. There was also five cases opened for unlicensed activities.
3. There were no cases for table and chair permits or scrap metal licences.
4. One driver was suspended during this period for a breach of their licensing conditions.
5. Three private hire vehicles have been suspended by the Enforcement Officer during this period. The reasons for the suspension are outlined below:
 - One vehicle had a front offside wing mirror indicator not working. The front offside side light was also not working. The service light was on as was the oil light.
 - Another vehicle had a brake pad warning light on. Another vehicle had a diesel particle warning light on. The horn did not work. The rear offside light was flashing.
 - Another vehicle had an expired MOT and had failed a new one. It had also failed a Council compliance test due to broken rear coil springs. The vehicle also had a SORN.
6. Two hackney carriage vehicles were also suspended by the Enforcement Officer due to the following faults:
 - One vehicle had a problem with exhaust emissions and had a broken offside rear coil spring. It had also failed its MOT.
 - Another vehicle had no road tax and had a current SORN.
7. Following the suspensions the vehicles managed to sort their respective faults to the satisfaction of the Officer who lifted the suspension.
8. During Q1 three driver's surrendered their licence and one private hire vehicle licence was surrendered following intervention by the Enforcement Officer.
9. Four drivers have been revoked for varying matters under delegated powers and by Committee. Some of these are expected to appeal.
10. Enforcement Officers are continuing to carry out multi-agency stop checks across the District. These stop checks bring about a number of benefits to the Council. It strengthens good working relationships with partner agencies

such as the Police, TFL and the DVSA. It offers a continuing high visibility presence in the District and lets people know that we are present and will enforce against offences or breaches that we discover.

11. The outcomes of each multi-agency stop check are provided below:

26 April 2019

- The Police issued 110 offences, 87 of which were seat belts, 4 index plate offences, 2 tints, 3 bald tyres, 9 MOT's and 5 miscellaneous offences. One vehicle was seized for no insurance.
- HMRC, dipped 29 fuel tanks and picked up one with red diesel.
- Uttlesford Council Enforcement Officers seized 5 vehicles for no tax and reported a further 2 drivers, in addition numerous DVLA checks were carried out to assist the Police.
- TFL checked 82 private hire vehicles, 2 had no ID, 10 were unfit and 19 were issued advisories. They also checked 5 taxis of which 1 was unfit.

10 May 2019

- 161 offences. 116 of those were seatbelts, 5 no tax, 1 bald tyre, 1 no insurance and seizure, 18 no MOT's, 3 window tints, 5 index plate offences, 1 mobile phone and 2 miscellaneous offences.
- TFL dealt with 51 private hire vehicles issuing 6 advisories and 2 unfit notices.
- Uttlesford District Council seized 1 vehicle for no tax and reported a further driver.

27 June 2019

- On 27 June the Police were joined by the Council, DVSA and HMRC. The Police issued 116 seat belt tickets, 5 MOT's, 3 no insurance, 1 DOWL, 1 no tax, 5 careless driving, 3 dangerous carriage of passengers, 1 mobile and 5 seizures.
- HMRC dipped 28 fuel tanks, all were in order, DVSA issued 1 immediate prohibition and 2 delayed. Uttlesford DC issued a driver an FPN for smoking in a works vehicle and inspected 2 taxis suspending the licence of 1 of them.

Further stop checks are scheduled to continue.

Risk Analysis

There were no risks attached to this report.