

**Committee:** Licensing & Environmental Health

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**Item for decision:**  
No

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## Summary

1. This Enforcement Update report is to inform the Committee of the enforcement activities carried out by Licensing Officers during the period of 1 February 2021 to 21 April 2021.

## Recommendations

2. It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report.

## Financial Implications

3. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## Background Papers

4. None

## Impact

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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

6. Step 2 of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown came into force on 12 April 2021. This permitted the reopening of outdoor hospitality. Licensing Officers in conjunction with Environmental Health Officers have begun visiting premises to check compliance with the current Regulations, to advise when appropriate, and offer financial assistance available to them such as the 'Business Restart Grant'.
7. Between the period of 12 April and 20 April 2021 a total of 24 licensed premises have been visited. A small minority of these have been advised to make amendments to their operations, though no serious breaches have been reported at the time of writing.
8. The visits referenced in 6.2 above were conducted during daytime hours. There are plans to restart night time weekend visits alongside Essex Police colleagues in the next few weeks, after premises have had reasonable time to return to full operation.
9. In respect of licensed hackney carriage and private hire drivers, there have been 3 licence revocations and 27 licence suspensions. These are broken down as follows;
  - 3 revocations were as a result of Police information and/or complaints that by their very nature meant that the driver presented a risk to public safety. All 3 revocations were made under the delegated authority of the Licensing Manager and Licensing & Environmental Health Committee Chair
  - 4 suspensions were as a result of the driver no longer meeting the required DVLA Group 2 Medical standard.
  - 23 suspensions were as a result of Medical and/or DBS certificates not being received from the driver by the required date. 3 of the 23 suspensions have now been lifted following receipt of valid Medical and/or DBS certificates.
10. In respect of licensed hackney carriage and private hire vehicles, there have been 2 licence suspensions. 1 vehicle failed its compliance test, and 1 vehicle was suspended following receipt of a safety concern from a County Council officer. Both vehicles have now had their suspensions lifted.
11. A total of 15 complaints have been received during this period. These are broken down as follows;
  - 8 complaints relating to drivers. 6 of these remain in progress at the time of writing.
  - 6 complaints relating to vehicles. 1 of these remains in progress at the time of writing.
  - 1 complaint relating to an operator. This has been resolved and closed.