

Committee: Licensing and Environmental Health Committee

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Title: Cross Border Operations

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Item for decision:
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Summary

This report is to inform members of the cross border operations work this service is undertaking with Essex Police and Transport for London and the Driver Vehicle Standards Agency.

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	No direct impact on community
Equalities	No impact on equalities
Health and Safety	No impact on employee health and safety
Human Rights/Legal Implications	All intervention work is carried out in accordance with existing legislative framework and the Council's enforcement policy
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	No ward specific impact
Workforce/Workplace	Environmental Health

Situation

1. Members are reminded that since the summer of 2017, Enforcement Officers from Uttlesford District Councils Environmental Health Protection Team have been actively forging strong working relationships with other partner agencies. These agencies are Essex Police, Transport for London (TFL) and most recently the Driver Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA).
2. All of these agencies have varying different powers and come together jointly to work together in the interests of public safety. All agencies have found it to be a great success. Consequently the number of stop checks have increased each month.
3. From 1 January 2018-31 March 2018, Enforcement Officers took part in four stop checks in and around Stansted Airport on 29 January, 14 February, 08 March and 23 March.
4. The main objectives of the stop checks are provided below:
To check for compliance within the licensing of private hire and hackney carriages vehicle and drivers.
 - To enhance public safety and re-assurance.
 - To detect and report drivers and vehicles who are non-compliant
 - To engage and work proactively with partner organisations to meet common goals.
 - To demonstrate to the Private Hire and hackney carriage trade that UDC, TFL and Essex Police take non-compliance seriously.
 - To ensure compliance with the smoking ban and associated requirements
 - To seize any untaxed cars under UDC's DVLA devolved powers.
5. Each agency collects and reports on relevant matter to their own authority and statutory powers. A summary of the outcomes arising from the most recent stop checks are provided below.
6. Outcomes for Essex Police:

Offence	Number of fines			
	29 January	14 February	8 March	23 March
Failure to wear a seat belt	61	88	89	76
Failure to hold a MOT	11	12	7	8
Driving without insurance	3	1	0	2
No insurance vehicle seizure	0	1	0	2
Use of mobile phone whilst driving	0	1	8	2
Defective tyres	1	0	1	1
Defective vehicles	3	0	2	0
Roadside Fines for Foreign Nationals	32	23	1	0
Driving without a licence	0	0	1	2
Intel reports	0	0	3	0
Dangerous condition and prohibition	0	0	1	0
Drug driving arrest	0	0	1	0
Cannabis warnings	0	0	1	0

7. Outcomes for Transport for London:

Offence	Number of fines			
	29 January	14 February	8 March	23 March
Private hire drivers inspected	77	50	Unable to attend	58
Private hire vehicles inspected	77	50	Unable to attend	58
Driver reported for not having his insurance	0	1	Unable to attend	0
Driver not having his badge	1	0	Unable to attend	1
Vehicle unfit notices issued	5	8	Unable to attend	11
Vehicle advisories issued	12	8	Unable to attend	5
Taxi drivers inspected	3	2	Unable to attend	0
Taxis inspected	3	2	Unable to attend	0

8. Outcomes for the Uttlesford District Council

Offence	Number of fines			
	29 January	14 February	8 March	23 March
Untaxed vehicles seized	0	2	0	2
Fixed penalty notices issued – smoking in a smoke free vehicle	0	1	0	1
Possible unlicensed private vehicle	0	0	0	1
Private hire vehicles and hackney carriages inspected	12 (from UDC and other Councils)	10 (from UDC and other Councils)	Records not kept	Records not kept

9. Although the UDC figures are lower than the other agencies this should not undermine the Enforcement Officers contribution. Officers work alongside the Policy and TFL inspecting vehicles and identifying offences in the interest of public safety. Members should be aware that Uttlesford Licensed Vehicles are few when compared to licensed vehicles from other authorities.

Risk Analysis

There are no risks attached to this report.