

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: TUESDAY, 23 MARCH 2021
title: LICENCE APPLICATIONS - UPDATE
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of the number of licences of various types issued and any trends which have been identified.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – }
- Corporate Priorities – } Consideration of these issues will promote the Council's aim to be a well-managed Council.
- Other Considerations – }

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Under the authority of this Committee, the Council is responsible for issue and administration of a variety of different licences, and for taking appropriate enforcement action where a licence holder is alleged to be in breach of a licence or its conditions. Certain aspects of licensable activity have been affected by the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic, and there has been a significant impact on the hospitality industry, and on the hackney carriage and private hire trade.

3 ISSUES

3.1 The Council's Administration and Licensing (Alcohol and Entertainment) Officer has compiled a record of applications received under the Licensing Act 2003 from 1 March 2020 to 28 February 2021, a copy of which is attached at Appendix 1. Where the system permits, an indication on any trend is highlighted. Unfortunately, it is not possible to extrapolate any trend in respect of premises licences, due to the way in which the system collates the information. Members will note the vastly reduced number of Temporary Event Notices received during the pandemic.

3.2 Applications received under other legislation include one Gaming Machine Notification and 8 new small society lotteries under the Gambling Act 2005 and renewal of one scrap metal mobile collector's licence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013. During the period 1 March 2020 to 28 February 2021, one application was made for a Temporary Pavement Licence under the Business and Planning Act 2020; it is likely that there will be further venues seek to apply for such licences when they re-open following the current lockdown.

3.3 The Council's Administration Assistant (Licensing) has prepared a record of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire related applications for the four quarters of 2020 and the first two months of 2021. This is attached at Appendix 2. Applications and renewals have fluctuated to some extent, with numbers being lower during periods of lockdown.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:


- Resources – No implications identified.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – No implications identified.
- Political – No implications identified.
- Reputation – No implications identified.
- Equality & Diversity – No implications identified.

5 CONCLUSION

5.1 Committee is asked to note the content of the report.



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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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Licensing Act 2003

Details of applications received 1 March 2020 to 28 February 2021

Personal Licences

New applications – 41 (28 issued for the period 01.03.19-28.02.20 – upward trend)

Change of name / address – 16

Lost / stolen – 1

Premises Licence with Alcohol

New Applications – 17

Full Variations – 5

Minor Variations – 5

Transfers – 10

Vary DPS – 31

Cancellation / Surrender – 7

Premises Licence no Alcohol

Transfers - 2

Cancellation / Surrender – 1

Temporary Event Notices with Alcohol

New – 31 (217 for the period 01.03.19-28.02.20 – downward trend)

Withdrawn – 3

Temporary Event Notices no Alcohol

New - 2 (3 for period 01.03.19-28.02.20)

January – March 2020

Licence Type	Amount
Hackney Carriage Driver	9
Private Hire Driver	8
Hackney Carriage Vehicle	14
Private Hire Vehicle	13
Private Hire Operator*	26

April – June 2020

Licence Type	Amount
Hackney Carriage Driver	9
Private Hire Driver	10
Hackney Carriage Vehicle	8
Private Hire Vehicle	12
Private Hire Operator*	2

July – September 2020

Licence Type	Amount
Hackney Carriage Driver	22
Private Hire Driver	24
Hackney Carriage Vehicle	6
Private Hire Vehicle	26
Private Hire Operator*	2

October 2020 – December 2020

Licence Type	Amount
Hackney Carriage Driver	15
Private Hire Driver	27
Hackney Carriage Vehicle	28
Private Hire Vehicle	35
Private Hire Operator*	0

January 2021 – February 2021

Licence Type	Amount
Hackney Carriage Driver	7
Private Hire Driver	8
Hackney Carriage Vehicle	21
Private Hire Vehicle	15
Private Hire Operator*	24

*Please note, all Private Hire Operator Licences expire on the 31st January every year, and so renewals for this usually take place in January of every year.