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AGENDA ITEM

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**CIVIC LICENSING ENFORCEMENT -
DECEMBER 2015**

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: CIVIC LICENSING ENFORCEMENT – DECEMBER 2015
Meeting: CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE
Date: 10 February 2016
Author: CHIEF GOVERNANCE OFFICER

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Licensing Enforcement Officer undertook various aspects of enforcement in December 2015. Details of these are outlined in the following sections of the report.

2. TAXI/ PRIVATE HIRE CAR CHECKS

- 2.1 The Licensing Enforcement Officer routinely carries out spot checks of taxis and private hire car vehicles to ensure compliance with licence conditions.

- 2.2 The checks take place at various taxi ranks and other places within the district. The checks consist of a range of items including the following:-

- Id badge/ Taxi-Private Hire Licence
- DVLA driving licence
- Plates displayed
- Tariff Sheet
- Fire Extinguisher
- First Aid Kit
- Taximeter seal
- No commercial adverts displayed on the vehicle
- No smoking signs displayed
- Taxi roof sign
- Condition of vehicle

- 2.3 In December 2015, 22 taxis and 4 private hire cars were inspected by the Licensing Enforcement Officer. The majority of these checks were found to be in order with the exception of the following matters:-

Taxi Operator 042 – was found not to be carrying a fire extinguisher.
This is a breach of taxi licence condition number 8.

Private Hire Car Operator 012 – there was no licence holder name sticker displayed.
This is a breach of private hire car licence condition number 14.

Private Hire Car Operator 096 – the taximeter seal was missing.
This is a breach of private hire car licence condition number 31.

The operators were written to and requested to attend the licensing offices and provide evidence that the matters detailed have been attended to. They have now fully complied.

3. CIVIC LICENSING ENFORCEMENT CHECKS

3.1 During December 2015, the Licensing Enforcement Officer undertook various civic licensing compliance checks and enquiries.

3.2 The compliance checks/enquiries involved the following civic activities:-

- Second Hand Dealers – four routine checks of licensed premises were carried out to ensure that the licence holder details were correct, that the licence was being properly displayed and that the register of sales was being kept up to date. All were found to be in order. One enquiry was also carried out with a new business which is being set up.
- Late Hours Catering – three routine checks of licensed premises were carried out to ensure that the licence holder details were correct and that the licence was being properly displayed. All were found to be in order.
- Street Trader – one enquiry carried out following the submission of a new application. It was subsequently established that a licence was not required as the business is on the valuation roll and not subject to licensing requirements.

3.3 These checks consist of a range of items including the following:-

- Licence type
- Licence holder details
- Day to day manager details (if applicable)
- Id badge/ Licence
- Register check (if applicable)
- Vehicle details (if applicable)
- Occupants details

3.4 In addition to the above, the Licensing Enforcement Officer carried out 3 knowledge tests involving 6 candidates. 4 site notice checks were also carried out.

4. CIVIC LICENSING COMPLAINTS

A complaint was received from a female motorist regarding a taxi parked within the car park of the Dobbie Hall, Larbert. She alleged that the driver had been parked near to the disabled access ramp to the premises and had caused an obstruction for other vehicles attempting to access the car park. She had spoken to him about where he was parked, but he had refused to move. The taxi driver when spoken to about the incident stated that he had attended to pick up a wheelchair hire and that prior to the complainer speaking to him two other vehicles had managed to drive past him into the car park. He also added that he had informed the complainer that he had been waiting

on a wheelchair hire and that he had parked in a manner that he felt did not cause an obstruction to any other vehicle accessing the car park.

The complainant was advised of the outcome and was satisfied with the course of action undertaken.

5. RECOMMENDATION

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

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Chief Governance Officer
Date: 2 February 2016

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None