TITLE: LICENSING OFFICERS UPDATE

COMMITTEE: LICENSING COMMITTEE

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To update Members of the Licensing Committee on the work of Officers.

2.0 <u>RECOMMENDATION(S)</u>

2.1 For information purposes only.

3.0 **SUMMARY**

Animal Licensing - Update

3.1 Historically we have maintained approximately 44 animal welfare licences. Since the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 came into force on 1 October 2018 this number has increased to 54, and we have a further 9 going through the application process at this point in time. Due to the work of officers, and in particular Lin Bagwell in her Licensing Officer (Enforcement) who has conducted the inspections and assisted the trade greatly, 29 of our licence holders obtained 5 star licences, and a further 17 obtained 3 and 4 star licences.

Departmental Work

3.2 The following tables illustrate the applications dealt with, the number of inspections conducted, and the number of suspension notices issued by the licensing section between 1 April 2019 and 30 August 2019 compared to the same period in 2018.

Applications

Licence type	Number 2018	Number 2019
Taxi driver	54	69
Taxi vehicle	80	82
Taxi operator	8	5
TEN's	186	174
New and varied premise licences	18	8
Animal welfare licences	7	14
Personal licences	18	22
Small lottery licences	6	7
Other	57	42
DPS and transfers of premise	30	22
licences	30	33
TOTAL	464	462

Inspections

Inspection type	Number 2018	Number 2019
Complaint	4	7
Enforcement	6	1
Routine	133	84
Evening	8	0
Re-visit	17	3
Pre-application	3	0
TOTAL	171	95

Suspensions

Suspension notice type	Number 2018	Number 2019
DBS	3	3
Medical	0	6
Annual fee	18	16
Vehicle non-compliance	23	15
Number of notices becoming active	16	12

Taxi driver – enforcement action	1*	3*
Taxi vehicle – MOT failures	5	0

^{*} Revocation of licence.