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MEETING:	Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board
DATE:	Wednesday, 4 September 2019
TIME:	3.00 pm
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

1 Declaration of Interests

To receive any declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest from Members in respect of items on this agenda.

2 Minutes (*Pages 3 - 4*)

To accept as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th June, 2019.

3 Enforcement Update (*Pages 5 - 8*)

The Service Director Legal Services will submit a report providing an overview of the work Licensing Enforcement Officers have undertaken to date.

To: Chair and Members of Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board:-

Councillors Wraith MBE (Chair), P. Birkinshaw, A. Cave, Franklin, Green, Daniel Griffin, W. Johnson, Kitching, Saunders, Shepherd, Sumner, Tattersall, Williams and Wilson

Andrew Frosdick, Executive Director Core Services
Sajeda Khalifa, Solicitor
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Tuesday, 27 August 2019

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MEETING:	Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board
DATE:	Wednesday, 26 June 2019
TIME:	2.30 pm
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Wraith MBE (Chair), Green, Daniel Griffin, Shepherd, Sumner, Tattersall and Wilson

1 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Shepherd declared a non pecuniary interest in minute number 3 due to his relationship with the Rusby family and their organisation of the Underneath the Stars music festival.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24th April, 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3 Enforcement Update

An update on the work of Licensing Enforcement Officers undertaken recently in relation to the Licensing Act 2003 was provided on behalf of the Service Director Legal Services.

Since April 2019 there had been 947 requests for service, many of which came from the public and covered a variety of areas.

Officers had routinely inspected 18 licensed premises throughout the borough to ensure compliance with the Licensing Act 2003, with advice given where appropriate. Members heard how all were found to be compliant.

Members heard how officers had worked closely with a number of town centre venues as part of the planning for Barnsley Live 2019, where 128 live bands were performing across 20 venues. The event had been a success and there had been no complaints reported to officers.

Members noted that many licensed music events were in the process of being organised across the borough in to take place over the coming months. Support was being provided by officers to help ensure events were safe and successful.

Questions were raised in relation to illegal workers, and it was noted that proactive enforcement will continue to take place with the immigration service.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Board place on record their thanks to all those involved in the organisation of events in and around Barnsley, which included volunteers and officers in the Council and Police. Their commitment enabled events to be safe and successful.

- (ii) That update reports on all enforcement activity continue to be submitted to the Regulatory Board on a regular basis.

Chair

Item 3

**Report of the Assistant Director to the
Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board
to be held on the 4 September 2019**

ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report, is to provide Members with an overview of the work Licensing Enforcement Officers have undertaken to date.

2. Background

Members are minded to note, that Licensing Enforcement Officers have continued to proactively embark on a number of licensing enforcement operations. A summary of enforcement operations undertaken are detailed below.

3. Current Position

Requests for Service

Since June 2019 the Licensing Section has received **1128** requests for service. These come from range of customers predominantly being members of the public, licensees, private hire and hackney carriage drivers and operators and scrap metal dealers.

Officers must respond to all requests for service within 3 working days. Unless the contact is deemed urgent and this would receive an immediate response.

Premises License Inspections

Since June 2019 Officers have inspected 25 licensed premises throughout the borough to ensure compliance with Licensing Act 2003, their premises license and any conditions attached to the said license.

During our inspections 7 premises were found to have insufficient documentation with particular reference to the display of their premises license. Officers have continued to work with the offending premises to ensure their understanding of the legislation and its requirements and also to ensure compliance going forward.

Immigration checks in licensed premises

In August 2019 Licensing Officers accompanied by Home Office, Immigration Enforcement Officers inspected seven licensed premises in the borough. Immigration Officers made checks at the premises to ascertain the status of individuals working and living on the premises. Licensing Officers also had to ensure the premises were operating in compliance with the Licensing Act 2003.

Six premises were found to be lacking in compliance under the Licensing Act 2003, and enforcement officers are continuing to work with these premises and licence holders to rectify any faults found and ensure that going forward they understand the requirements of the legislation and maintain compliance. Further joint operations are planned for the future.

4. Proposal

Proactive enforcement operations will continue to take place on a regular basis and Officers are in the process of arranging further enforcement operations with various agencies including South Yorkshire Police, Trading Standards and The Immigration Service. Whilst offences are always unacceptable we will combat ill failings and convey the message that all individuals licensed under the Licensing Act 2003 must begin to accept responsibility for their failures and make a change.

5. **Background Papers**

Enforcement Officer Reports which contain exempt information are not available for public inspection

6. **Officer Contact**

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