

**Report of the Service Director to the
General Licensing Regulatory Board
to be held on the 19 December 2018**

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 since the last enforcement update, 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

On the 9 November 2018 Licensing Enforcement Officers alongside Vehicle Examiners from the Smithies Lane Depot, took part in a day time operation focusing their attention on the Hackney Carriage ranks in the town centre and the drivers and vehicles who operate those ranks.

In total 27 licensed vehicles were inspected, the results of which are detailed as follows:

- 21 vehicles found to be compliant

6 vehicles were issued with immediate suspension notices for defects including:

- Off side front side light inoperative
- Highlight inoperative
- Fuel cap insecure
- Off side front bumper protruding from the vehicle with sharp edges
- Rear number plate light inoperative
- Off side stop light inoperative
- Near side indicator/repeater inoperative

- Front near side side light inoperative
- Blue tinted headlights
- Rear brake pads worn excessively
- Rear reflector missing

Three vehicles also received advise in relation to:

- Oil leak
- Tyres on the legal limit
- Dull sidelights

On the 30 November 2018 Licensing Enforcement Officers alongside Vehicle Examiners from the Smithies Lane Depot took part in a day time operation focusing their attention on Private Hire Companies in the Borough.

In total 20 licensed vehicles were stopped and inspected, the results of which are detailed as follows:

- 18 vehicles found to be compliant

2 vehicles were issued with immediate suspension notices for defects including

- Rear number plate light inoperative
- Near side Headlight inoperative and horn in operative

In addition 1 driver received 3 written warnings for:

- Falsifying his daily vehicle checks
- Failing to wear his Hackney Carriage and Private hire dual drivers badge
- Leaving a vehicle unattended on a Hackney Carriage Rank

One driver also received advise in relation to the cleanliness of his vehicle.

4. Proposal

Vehicle non-compliance is not just an issue Officers are concerned with during the undertaking of each and every enforcement operation; it is one that continues to be at the forefront of every Vehicle Examiners mind. Defective vehicles are not acceptable and cannot be excused, coupled with failing to

complete basic vehicle inspection sheets, an inspection sheet that not only the Trade requested to complete but a tool that ensures the very safety of a licensed vehicle, is not acceptable.

Licensing Officers along with vehicle examiners will continue to carry out proactive enforcement operations throughout the year to ensure both vehicle and driver compliance and convey the message that operators, vehicle proprietors and drivers must begin to accept responsibility for their failures and make a change.

Failure to do so, will only continue to put the safety of the public at risk when using a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle in Barnsley.

After all, the principal consideration here must be one of public safety.

5. Background Papers

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

6. Officer Contact

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