

**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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