

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Licensing Committee

11 February 2016

TITLE:	Licensing statistics briefing report
PORTFOLIO:	Tourism, Regeneration & Licensing – Cllr Tony Kemp
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WARDS:	None Specific

Appendices Attached –None

1. Reason for the Report:

This report is provided to update the Committee on the number of current licences issued and reflect an upward trend in growth.

1.1 Personal Licences (1358)

An increase of 117 licences since March 2015

1.2 Premises Licences (350)

These licences are issued for premises such as pubs, cafes, shops and Community halls. There is a responsibility on the Authority to enforce licence conditions and to maintain a safe and pleasant environment for our Community. The licensing service works closely with the local Police and on occasion the premises licence holders that cause problems are subject to a licensing review. Reviews are inevitable when Premises are being ill-managed, either deliberately or inadvertently and thus giving rise to problems in the community in relation to the licensing objectives.

New premises licence applications and variations have to be processed in accordance with the legislation and time set time frames.

2.0 Temporary Event Notices issued since March 2015 (283)

Temporary Event Notices are served on the Authority by individuals that wish to conduct a licensable activity on an add hoc basis. This is permitted through the Licensing Act 2005 and is subject to strict criteria which have to be checked by the licensing service at the time of application. On occasions the Police and/or Environmental Health may object to a notice and this is then subject to a Sub-Committee hearing.

3.0 Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences (136)

Hackney Carriage licences are restricted to 130 in the High Peak. Each vehicle is subject to 6 monthly inspections/testing and renewal application. Six additional licences have been granted for wheelchair accessible vehicles. This will hopefully provide much needed services to wheelchair users in the Community.

3.1 Private Hire Vehicle Licences (307)

The licensing service has seen an increase in the Private Hire Vehicle Licences since 2012. This has been due to a further increase in the amount of Executive Hire (Chauffeur) Companies that have set up their headquarters or head offices in the High Peak. As with hackney carriages these vehicles are subject to six monthly testing. This trend has seen a constant increase over the last three year period.

Account code income figures for the Private Hire /Executive Hire sector show

2013/2014	£90,230.65
2014/2015	£110,691.36
2015 to date	£120, 485.00

The majority of the increase has been the expansion of Chauffeur services at Manchester Airport over this period.

It is likely that some of the income generated will be used to provide the necessary driver training on issues such as safeguarding.

3.2 Combined Driver Licences (741)

As with Private Hire Vehicle Licences the Authority has seen an increase in the amount of applications. The main criteria allowing the Authority to issue a licence, is that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold the licence and does not pose a threat to the public. This figure represents a 16% increase on the last reported figures presented in March 2015 of 641.

3.3 Private Hire Operator Licences (76)

Operators Licences have also seen an increase inline with the Executive Hire sector increase.

4.0 In addition, the licensing team currently processes, administers and inspects as necessary with Environmental Health, the following types of licences:

- 21 Scrap Metal Collector Licences
- 11 Scrap Metal Site Licences
- 21 Street Trading Consents
- 54 Street Collection Permits
- 14 House to House Permits
- 8 Animal Boarding Licences
- 5 Riding Establishment Licences
- 34 Personal tattoo/acupuncture Registrations
- 18 Acupuncture Premises Registration
- 7 Pet shop Licences

In summary, the service has seen growth overall in the last financial year.

5. **Options and Analysis**

5.1 There are no options to consider

6. **Implications**

6.1 Community Safety - (Crime and Disorder Act 1998)

No Implications

6.2 Workforce

No Implications.

6.3 Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Council's Diversity and Equality Policies.

6.4 Financial Considerations

None

6.5 Legal

The Licences are issued in accordance with the Local Government

Miscellaneous Provision Act 1976, Licensing Act and Gambling Act

6.6 Sustainability

No implications.

6.7 Internal and External Consultation

No Implications

6.8 Risk Assessment

No Implications.

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**Web Links and
Background Papers**

Local Government Miscellaneous
Provisions Act 1976

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