

**HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Report to Licensing Committee  
11<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Licensing enforcement activity update</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	<b>Tourism, Regeneration &amp; Licensing – Cllr Tony Kemp</b>
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<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>None Specific</b>

**Appendices Attached – None**

**1. Reason for the Report:**

1.1 To provide the Licensing Committee with a brief summary of the enforcement activity undertaken by the Licensing service

**2. Recommendation**

2.1 That the committee notes the content of the report and makes any comments considered appropriate in respect of the future enforcement activity programme.

**3. Executive Summary**

3.1 In the period April to December 2015 the Licensing service has engaged in enforcement actions entailing contact with licence holders. These activities have involved reactive responses to complaints and intelligence received from public and partner agencies as detailed below.

Frequency	Activity
2	Violent Alcohol Liaison Meetings
2	Meetings with police regarding problem premises
0	Expedited Premise Licence Summary review applications
1	Pub Watch Meetings Buxton/Glossop/Chapel
7	Premise licence compliance visits
8	Notice checks for premise applications
1	Evening vehicle stop/checks
22	Licensed vehicles checked
6	Letter/Visit regarding annual fee payments and notification of suspension for none payment of annual licence fees
6	Multi agency compliance checks of Licensed taxi /Private Hire vehicles
0	Busking complaints investigations

3.2 The primary focus of enforcement work to date has been ensuring that the law is properly observed. In considering the focus of this activity the Licensing service has had reference to:

- Those premises/vehicles against which complaints have been received
- Those premises which do not hold a licence but where intelligence suggests licensable activity is taking place

3.3 A variety of breaches were identified in the course of these activities, and in response to complaints. However the team has been able to resolve all issues via voluntary changes of behaviour on the part of the licence holder or via specific action by the Licensing service and partners or the licensing sub committee. In these instances It has not been necessary to resort to further legal action.

3.4 The team will be preparing a licensing work programme, detailing the key activities, aspirations and duties facing the section over the next 12 months. This work plan will be shared with the Committee for comment prior to implementation. It is envisaged that the creation of a work programme will clarify for both Licensing Committee and the team how key priorities will be delivered, through using resources as effectively as possible.

#### 4. Options and Analysis

4.1 There are no options to consider

## 5. Implications

### 5.1 Community Safety - (Crime and Disorder Act 1998)

The appropriate enforcement of licensing legislation in partnership with relevant agencies is a key tool in assuring the maintenance of community safety.

### 5.2 Workforce

None arise directly from this report.

### 5.3 Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment

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

### 5.4 Financial Considerations

None

### 5.5 Legal

The requirements of the various licensing legislation places a duty on licence holders under the criminal law. In enforcing the conditions relating to this legislation the licensing service has powers to undertake prosecutions relevant to the offences identified

### 5.6 Sustainability

No implications.

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#### **Web Links and Background Papers**

Derbyshire joint licensing  
enforcement protocol

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