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- The licence number;
- Whether the vehicle was Wheelchair Accessible.

DEFRA published statutory guidance on 18 July 2019 to assist in implementing the Regulations. This suggested that the database be ready for local authorities to start submitting data before the end of October 2019, however DEFRA's preferred method of data transfer – via a fully integrated API – was unlikely to be ready before the end of 2019. DEFRA had produced a draft technical specifications document to data transfer which had been forwarded to the Council's I.T. department for comment. The Regulations and Guidance document were appended to the report.

Officers were keeping in mind the idea of encouraging greater use of 'hybrid' and electric vehicles, together with sufficient charging points.

RESOLVED – That the new statutory provisions of the Air Quality (Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles Database) (England and Wales) Regulations 2019, and associated statutory guidance be **NOTED**.

FURTHER RESOLVED - That delegated authority be **GRANTED** to the Head of Environmental Health to sign the memorandum of understanding and submit the required data.

11 INTOXICATED CAMPAIGN

The Intoxicated Campaign was first launched in "B" Division by the Derbyshire Police Licensing Unit a number of years ago. The aim was to give the campaign an instantly recognisable, high-profile identity, with the simple message for both staff and customers alike, that anyone approaching the bar in a drunken state would not be served alcohol.

Promotional items were demonstrated to members including T-Shirts, beer mats, posters and hi-viz jackets and hats.

Members were advised that the campaign would initially be in Leek town centre, later spreading to Cheadle and Biddulph town centres. The campaign had been introduced at a recent Leek Pubwatch meeting and Publicans present at that meeting were very keen to adopt it. Folders were to be issued to participating pubs containing all relevant information with a view to commencement before Christmas 2019. An Enforcement Programme was already planned with the Police.

RESOLVED – That the report be **NOTED**.

12 **REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS**

Under the Electoral Administration Act 2006 each Polling Station in the district had been reviewed to establish their continued suitability. Information gathered by Polling Station staff over recent elections had been reviewed together with consultation from other stakeholders and the Acting Returning Officer – Simon Baker. Resultant approved changes would come into force for the next scheduled election, which was the Police and Crime Commissioner Election on 7 May 2020.

Comments had been received relating to 9 different Polling Stations and, where problems had been identified, all efforts had been made to rectify the issues. 2 changes were proposed as follows:-

1. South Moorlands Leisure Centre, Allen Street, Cheadle. Music was being played all day in the Gym and especially during Spinning Classes. The proposal was to move the Polling Station to Thorley Drive Sports Pavilion, Thorley Drive, Cheadle, ST10 1SA.
2. The William Amory Primary School, Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge. Objections to the closure of the school when there were community buildings in the area. The proposal was to move the Polling Station to Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook Village Hall.

RESOLVED – That existing arrangements for voting continue with no changes except in Cheadle South East Ward (move from South Moorlands Leisure Centre to The Sports Pavilion, Thorley Drive, Cheadle) and Forsbrook Ward (move from William Amory Primary School to Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook Village Hall).

13 **LICENSING ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

The report covered enforcement activity carried out over the period July to November 2019.

Details were as follows:-

Frequency	Enforcement Activity
40	Letters to Taxi Drivers for Renewals
32	Letters to Taxi Drivers regarding Safeguarding
8 Granted 2 Rejected	House to House Collections
6 Granted 1 Rejected	Street Collection Permits
3 Granted 1 In Progress	Road Closures (From 30 September 2019)
77	Temporary Event Notices (TENs) Issued with Alcohol
21	Late TENs Issued with Alcohol
1	Late TEN Issued without Alcohol
8	Licensing Officer & Police Joint Visits
4	Licensing Officer, Fire & Rescue Joint Visits

RESOLVED – That the report be **NOTED**.

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14 **CHAIR/MEMBERS' QUESTIONS/ISSUES.**

There were no questions.

15 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 6 MARCH 2020**

The meeting closed at 10.40 am

_____Chairman _____Date