



<b>Committee</b>	Licensing Committee
<b>Date</b>	15/04/2024
<b>Subject</b>	Issued licences in East Suffolk and an overview of the work of the Licensing Sub-Committees January – March 2024
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Key Decision?	No
Is the report Open or Exempt?	OPEN

Category of Exempt Information and reason why it is <b>NOT</b> in the public interest to disclose the exempt information.	Not applicable
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## Purpose/Summary

This report provides an overview of the current number and licences issued with regard to the Licensing Act 2003, the Gambling Act 2005 and taxis by East Suffolk Council. The report also summarises the applications received and the work of the Licensing Sub-Committees from January to March 2024.

## Recommendation(s)

That the Committee:

Notes the overview of some of the work of the Licensing Team and the Licensing Sub-committees during the first quarter of 2024.

## Strategic plan

### How does this proposal support Our Direction 2028?

<b>Environmental Impact</b>	Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.
<b>Sustainable Housing</b>	Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.
<b>Tackling Inequalities</b>	Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.
<b>Thriving Economy</b>	Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.
<b>Our Foundations / governance of the organisation</b>	Licensing is a Council function exercised by Licensing Committee and Licensing Sub-Committees.

## Justification for recommendations

### 1. Background

1.1	Applications determined during January – March 2024				
Premises and type of application	Address	Hearing/mediated	Date of Hearing	Outcome	
Oulton Community Centre SURRENDERED WPREM2278	Meadow Road, Oulton, NR32 3QL	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 30.11.23 Completed 29.12.23	
Sea You Café & Restaurant VARIATION PREM2237	Martello Park, Orford Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2DY	Yes - EP	-	Cons end 29.12.23 App withdrawn 2.1.24	
The Galley Creamery & Deli NEW PREM2274	40 Market Hill, Woodbridge, IP12 4LU	No	N/A	Cons end 3.1.24  Issued 4.1.24	
Upper Grove Farm NEW PREM2275	Building 2 Upper Grove Farm, Rendham, Saxmundham, IP17 2AS	No	N/A	Cons end 8.1.24 Issued 10.1.24	
The Open Kitchen SURRENDER PREM2206	6 Naunton Road, Woodbridge, IP12 4HP	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 11.12.23 Completed 9.1.24	
Merker Slots NEW BINGO PREMISES LICENCE WGAM0018	37 London Road North, Lowestoft, NR32 1BH	No	N/A	Cons end 10.1.24 Issued 11.1.24	
Martley Hall Building B11 SURRENDER PREM2191	Framlingham Road, Easton, Woodbridge, IP13 0EN	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 19.12.2023 Completed 18.1.24	
Uncle Sid's Zero Waste Store NEW WPREM2622	45 High Street, Lowestoft, NR32 1HZ	N/A	N/A	Cons end 18.01.24 Need PL details Issued 7.2.24	
Perfect Kebab House SURRENDER PREM0102	3 Orwell Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7HE	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 8.1.24 Completed 6.2.24	
The Skye Lounge SUMMARY REVIEW PREM2225	55-57 Undercliff Road West, Felixstowe, IP11 2AD	Yes	Yes and revoke d	Cons end 22.1.24 Licence revoked it was also	

				surrendered 11.1.24
Stanford Arms VARIATION WPREM2366	94 Stanford Street, Lowestoft, NR32 2DD	No	N/A	Cons end 13.2.24 Issued 26.2.24
The Little Wine Bar SURRENDER PREM2233	228 High Street, Walton, IP11 9DS	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 22.1.24 Completed 20.2.24
McDonalds NEW	Unit 1 Martlesham Heath Retail Park, Martlesham Heath, IP5 3RU	Yes	25.3.24	Cons end 27.2.24 Granted 25.3.24
Morton Convenience Store VARIATION WPREM2009	7 Morton Road, Lowestoft, NR33 0JQ	No	N/A	Cons end 1.3.24  Issued 4.3.24
The Mayfair NEW	18 Broad Street, Bungay, NR35 1EE	Yes	5.4.24	Cons end 11.3.24
Sax Fest – The Memorial Field NEW PREM2276	Rendham Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1EA	No	N/A	Cons end 12.3.24 Issued 14.3.24
Motor Fuel Ltd NEW WPREM2623	George Westwood Way, Beccles, NR34 9EJ	No	N/A	Cons end 20.3.24 Issued 21.3.24
The Cabin SURRENDER PREM2148	19 Aldringham Park, Aldringham-cum- Thorpe, Leiston, IP16 4QZ	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 25.1.24 Completed 23.2.24
Motor Fuel Ltd NEW	18 Tower Road, Lowestoft, NR33 7NG			Cons end 26.3.24
Flunder Wines Limited NEW	26 Beadon Way, Melton, Woodbridge, IP12 1NB			Cons end 26.3.24 Failed – incorrectly advertised
Nisa Local SURRENDER PREM2257	11b-11c The Thoroughfare, Woodbridge, IP12 1AA	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 5.2.24 Completed 5.3.24
Maeves Tea Room NEW	74 Thoroughfare, Woodbridge, IP12 1AL			Cons end 10.4.24
Desmond's NEW	147 London Road South, Lowestoft, NR33 0PH			Cons end 11.4.24
Saxmundham Free School (Sax Music Fest)	Seaman Avenue, Saxmundham, IP17 1DZ	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 13.3.24

SURRENDER PREM2151				Complete after 12.4.24
Flunder Wines Ltd NEW - resubmission	26 Beadon Way, Melton, Woodbridge, IP12 1NB			Cons end 15.4.24
Relish Café NEW	2-4 Market Row, Beccles, NR34 9HF			Cons end 16.4.24
Woburn Farm NEW	Stirrups Lane, Corton, NR32 5LE			Cons end 18.4.24
1.2	<p><b>Appeals to Magistrates Court</b></p> <p>There are currently no appeals to Magistrates Court.</p>			
1.3	<p><b>28 day consultation period has passed, and application is still to be determined</b></p> <p>There is currently one application waiting to be considered by the Licensing Sub-committee:</p> <p>New Premises Licence – The Mayfair, Bungay – the hearing is on 5 April 2024.</p>			
1.4	<p><b>In consultation</b></p> <p>New Premises Licence - Motor Fuel Ltd, Lowestoft. Consultation period ends on 26 March 2024.</p> <p>New Premises Licence – Maeves Tea Room, Woodbridge. Consultation period ends on 10 April 2024.</p> <p>New Premises Licence – Desmond’s, Lowestoft. Consultation period ends on 11 April 2024.</p> <p>New Premises Licence – Flunder Wines Ltd, Melton. Consultation period ends on 15 April 2024.</p> <p>New Premises Licence – Relish Café, Beccles. Consultation period ends on 16 April 2024.</p> <p>New Premises Licence – Woburn Farm, Corton. Consultation period ends on 18 April 2024.</p>			
1.5	<p>There have been two Sub-committee hearings regarding licensed or gambling premises, or personal licences during the period January - March 2024:</p> <p>26/01/24 – Review of premises licence Sky Lounge Felixstowe – Licence revoked.</p> <p>25/03/24 – New premises licence McDonalds, Martlesham Heath – licence granted.</p>			

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**Licensing Act Premises**

On **19 December 2023** there were 1064 Premises Licences and 930 of these included alcohol on the licence.

There were 62 Club Premises Licences.

On **22 March 2024** there were 1061 Premises Licences and 927 of these included alcohol on the licence.

There were 62 Club Premises Licences.

5 new Premises Licences were granted between January and March 2024.

8 Premises Licences were surrendered.

No Club Premises Certificate were surrendered.

In summary, in December 2023 there were 1126 Premises Licences and Club Premises Licences, and in March 2024, there were 1123.

**Licensing Act Premises Comparisons**

Date	Number of premises licences and club premises certificates
1 January 2020	1070
1 July 2020	1071
1 January 2021	1073
1 July 2021	1086
1 January 2022	1093
1 July 2022	1111
23 December 2022	1125
26 June 2023	1128
28 September 2023	1125
19 December 2023	1126
26 March 2024	1123

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**Gambling Act Premises**

On **19 December 2023** there were 34 Gambling Premises Licences in total.

On **26 March 2024** there were 35 gambling premises licences in total.

There were 10 Bingo Premises Licences.

There were 10 Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licences.

There was 1 Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence.

There was 1 Betting Premises Licence (in respect of a track)

There were 13 Betting Premises Licences (in respect of a premises other than a track).

1 New Bingo Premises Licence was issued in January 2024 however, this premises will not open for some time.

**Gambling Act Premises Comparisons**

Date	Number of premises licences and club premises certificates
1 January 2020	40

1 July 2020	40
1 January 2021	37
1 July 2021	38
1 January 2022	38
1 July 2022	35
23 December 2022	35
26 June 2023	34
28 September 2023	34
19 December 2023	34
26 March 2024	35

**1.8 Taxi and Private Hire Licences**

On **19 December 2023**, East Suffolk Council licensed:

64 hackney carriage vehicles and 163 hackney carriage/private drivers  
 431 private hire vehicles and 403 private hire drivers  
 75 private hire operators

On **26 March 2024**, there were:

62 hackney carriage vehicles and 158 hackney carriage/private drivers  
 458 private hire vehicles and 426 private hire drivers  
 73 private hire operators

Since the last Licensing Committee in October 2023, the taxi and private hire licence activity is as follows:

January to March 2024

<u>Type of Licence</u>	<u>Renewed</u>	<u>Did not renew</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Change of Veh</u>
Private Hire Vehicle	49	9	29	17
Hackney Carriage	3	1	4	5
Private Hire Driver	7	2	23	n/a
Hackney Carriage Driver	3	1	2	n/a
Private Hire Operator	1	0	1	n/a
Rickshaws & Horse drawn	0	0	0	0

There are currently 51 new applications for drivers in progress.

**Taxi and Private Hire Licence Comparisons**

Date	HC/PH Drivers	PH Drivers	HC Vehicles	PH Vehicles	PH Operators
1 January 2020	237	352	136	349	72
1 July 2020	223	341	108	301	75
1 January 2021	203	315	95	289	75

	1 July 2021	197	301	101	295	79
	1 January 2022	194	321	73	350	81
	1 July 2022	178	325	70	367	80
	23 December 2022	171	339	65	391	76
	26 June 2023	164	381	62	432	77
	28 September 2023	166	389	62	427	76
	19 December 2023	163	403	64	431	75
1.9	<p>There have been 2 Sub-Committee hearings regarding a taxi/private hire licence during the period January to March 2024: 5 and 29 February 2024.</p>					

## 2. Introduction

2.1. This is an update report for noting.

## 3. Proposal

3.1. This is an update report for noting.

## 4. Financial Implications

4.1. None

## 5. Legal Implications

5.1. None

## 6. Risk Implications

6.1. None

## 7. Options

7.1. Not applicable. This is a report for noting.

## 8. Recommendations

8.1. That the committee notes the overview of some of the work of the Licensing Team and the Licensing Sub-committees during the first quarter of 2024.

## 9. Reasons for Recommendations

9.1. This is an update report for noting.

## 10. Conclusions/Next Steps

10.1. None



## Areas of consideration comments

### Section 151 Officer comments:

Not applicable

### Monitoring Officer comments:

Not applicable

### Equality, Diversity and Inclusion/EQIA:

No impact

### Safeguarding:

No impact

### Crime and Disorder:

No impact

### Corporate Services implications:

*(i.e., Legal, Finance, Procurement, Human Resources, Digital, Customer Services, Asset Management)*

No impact

### Residents and Businesses consultation/consideration:

Not applicable

## Appendices:

None

## Background reference papers:

Date	Type	Available From
None		