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## LICENSING COMMITTEE

Monday, 15 January 2024

<b>Subject</b>	Issued Licences in East Suffolk and an overview of the work of the Licensing Sub-Committees October – December 2023
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Is the report Open or Exempt?	OPEN
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Category of Exempt Information and reason why it is <b>NOT</b> in the public interest to disclose the exempt information.	Not applicable
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All Wards

## Purpose and high-level overview

**Purpose of Report:**

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 October to December 2023.

**Options:**

Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.

**Recommendation/s:**

That the Committee notes the overview of some of the work of the Licensing Team and the Licensing Sub-committees during the fourth quarter of 2023.

## Corporate Impact Assessment

**Governance:**

Licensing is a Council function exercised by Licensing Committee and Licensing Sub-Committees.

**ESC policies and strategies that directly apply to the proposal:**

Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.

**Environmental:**

Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.

**Equalities and Diversity:**

Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.

**Financial:**

Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.

**Human Resources:**

Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.

**ICT:**

Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.

**Legal:**

Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.

**Risk:**

Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.

**External Consultees:**

Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.

## Strategic Plan Priorities

Select the priorities of the <a href="#">Strategic Plan</a> which are supported by this proposal: <i>(Select only one primary and as many secondary as appropriate)</i>		Primary priority	Secondary priorities
<b>T01</b>	<b>Growing our Economy</b>		
P01	Build the right environment for East Suffolk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P02	Attract and stimulate inward investment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P03	Maximise and grow the unique selling points of East Suffolk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P04	Business partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P05	Support and deliver infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>T02</b>	<b>Enabling our Communities</b>		
P06	Community Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P07	Taking positive action on what matters most	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P08	Maximising health, well-being and safety in our District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P09	Community Pride	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>T03</b>	<b>Maintaining Financial Sustainability</b>		
P10	Organisational design and streamlining services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P11	Making best use of and investing in our assets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P12	Being commercially astute	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P13	Optimising our financial investments and grant opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P14	Review service delivery with partners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>T04</b>	<b>Delivering Digital Transformation</b>		
P15	Digital by default	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P16	Lean and efficient streamlined services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P17	Effective use of data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P18	Skills and training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P19	District-wide digital infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>T05</b>	<b>Caring for our Environment</b>		
P20	Lead by example	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P21	Minimise waste, reuse materials, increase recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P22	Renewable energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

P23	Protection, education and influence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
XXX	<b>Governance</b>		
XXX	How ESC governs itself as an authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>How does this proposal support the priorities selected?</b>			
Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.			

## Background and Justification for Recommendation

1 Background facts				
1.1	Applications determined during October – December 2023			
Premises and type of application	Address	Hearing/mediated	Date of Hearing	Outcome
McDonalds NEW WPREM2615	Leisure Way, Lowestoft, NR32 4TZ	Yes	6.10.23	Cons end 13.9.23 Granted Issued 9.10.23
Halesworth Local NEW WPREM2616	27 Market Place, Halesworth, IP19 8AY	Yes	4.10.23	Cons end 19.9.23 Granted Issued 9.10.23
Lowestoft Tandoori REVIEW WPREM2101	176 High Street, Lowestoft, NR32 1HU	Yes	8.11.23	Cons end 11.10.23
Bacchus Beyond NEW WPREM2617	The Basement Studio, The Rear 25 Market Place, Halesworth, IP19 8AY	No	N/A	Cons end 18.10.23 Issued 19.10.23
YouDrink Stall SURRENDER WPREM2587	Kessingland Car Boot, Whites Lane, Kessingland, NR33 7TF	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 22.9.23 Completed 27.10.23
Kesgrave Social Club NEW PREM2270	Edmonton Road, Kesgrave, IP5 1EE	Yes	27.11.23	Cons end 31.10.23  Issued 29.11.23
Black Dog Deli Wrentham NEW WPREM2618	1 Chapel Road, Wrentham, NR34 7LT	No	N/A	Cons end 14.11.23 Issued 15.11.23

YouDrink Bottle Shop & Taproom NEW WPREM2619	4 Thoroughfare, Halesworth, IP19 8AH	No	N/A	Cons end 16.11.23 Issued 17.11.23
The Little Wine Bar & Café NEW PREM2271	187 Hamilton Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7DT	Yes	8.12.23	Cons end 20.11.23 Issued 1.12.23
Woodbridge Cruising Club VARIATION CLUB0032	River Wall, Woodbridge, IP12 4BB	No	N/A	Cons end 20.11.23 Issued 21.11.23
The Village Shop LAPSED PREM2182	Ashe Row, Campsea Ashe, IP13 OPS	N/A	N/A	Actioned 21.11.23
Carlton Colville Community Centre SURRENDER WPREM2056	Hall Road, Carlton Colville, NR33 8BT	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 23.10.23 Completed 22.11.23
Prezzo Italian Restaurant SURRENDER WPREM2289	9 Saltgate, Beccles, NR34 9AN	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 26.10.23 Completed 24.11.23
Thorpeness Country Club VARIATION PREM0165	The Benthills, Thorpeness, IP16 4NU	Yes	11.12.23	Cons end 27.11.23 Issued .12.23
Salter and King SURRENDER PREM2246	The Causeway, Peasenhall, IP17 2HU	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 30.10.23 Completed 28.11.23
Bungay Community Centre VARIATION WPREM2571	Old Grammer Lane, Bungay, NR35 1PU	No	N/A	Cons end 30.11.23 Issued 1.12.23
The Old Tap NEW WPREM2621	5 Market Square, Beccles, NR34 9AW	No	N/A	Cons end 1.12.23 Issued 6.12.23
The Slounge NEW WPREM2620	Basement, 128 London Road North, Lowestoft, NR32 1HB	No	N/A	Cons end 4.12.23 Issued 5.12.23
Niche Brand Cocktails NEW PREM2272	Building B3, Martley Hall, Framlingham Road, Easton, IP13 0EN	No	N/A	Cons end 7.12.23 Issued 18.12.23
Nistors	60 High Street, Leiston, IP16 4BZ	No	N/A	Cons end 11.12.23

VARIATION PREM2256				Issued 14.12.23
Brampton and Stoven Village Hall LAPSED WPREM2044 – no alcohol	Station Road, Brampton with Stoven, Beccles, NR34 8EA	N/A	N/A	Actioned 14.11.23
Hopsters VARIATION PREM2223	Unit 20 Beach Street, Micklegate Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2GN	No	N/A	Cons end 23.11.23 Resubmit 14.12.23 Issued 15.12.23
Crown Street Hall CANCELLED WPREM2091	Crown Street West, Lowestoft, NR32 1SG	N/A	N/A	22.11.23 Turned into flats so licence cancelled
Earl Soham Village Hall VARIATION to add alcohol PREM2273 will be a new licence	Earl Soham, Woodbridge, IP13 7SF	No	N/A	Cons end 15.12.23 Issued 18.12.23
Earl Soham Village Hall Cancel PREM0251 as new one for alcohol (see above)	Earl Soham, Woodbridge, IP13 7SF	N/A	N/A	Completed 18.12.23
Oulton Community Centre SURRENDERED WPREM2278	Meadow Road, Oulton, NR32 3QL	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 30.11.23
Sea You Café and Restaurant VARIATION PREM 2237	Martello Park, Orford Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2DY	N/A	N/A	Cons end 29.12.23
Fortunna Ltd LAPSED WPREM2474	High Street, Lowestoft, NR32	N/A	N/A	Company dissolved 4.7.23 Actioned 4.12.23
Istanbul Chef SURRENDER WPREM2180	152 High Street, Lowestoft, NR32 1HR	N/A	N/A	Closed since Nov 22 Actioned 4.12.23
The Galley Creamery and Deli NEW	40 Market Hill, Woodbridge, IP12 4LU			Cons end 3.1.24
Upper Grove Farm NEW	Building 2 Upper Grove Farm, Rendham, Saxmundham, IP17 2AS			Cons end 8.1.24

The Open Kitchen SURRENDER PREM2206	6 Naunton Road, Woodbridge, IP12 4HP	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 11.12.23
Merker Slots NEW BINGO PREMISES LICENCE	37 London Road North, Lowestoft, NR32 1BH			Cons end 10.1.24
1.2	<p><b>Appeals to Magistrates Court</b></p> <p>Lowestoft Tandoori following a review of the premises licence.</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 – Sea You Café, Felixstowe – variation to existing premises licence.</p>			
1.4	<p><b>In consultation</b></p> <p>New Premises Licence – Upper Grove Farm, Saxmundham. Consultation period ends on 8 January 2024.</p> <p>New Bingo Premises Licence – Merker Slots, Lowestoft. Consultation period ends on 10 January 2024.</p>			
1.5	<p>There have been six Sub-committee hearings regarding licensed or gambling premises, or personal licences during the period October - December 2023:</p> <p>4/10/23 – New premises licence Halesworth Local, Halesworth</p> <p>6/10/23 – New premises licence McDonalds, Lowestoft</p> <p>1/11/23 – Film classification Aldeburgh Cinema</p> <p>8/11/23 – Review of premises licence – Lowestoft Tandoori</p> <p>27/11/23 – New premises licence Kesgrave Social Club</p> <p>11/12/23 – Variation to premises licence Thorpeness Country Club</p>			

## 2 Current position

2.1

### Licensing Act Premises

On **28 September 2023** there were 1063 Premises Licences and 926 of these include alcohol on the licence.

There were 62 Club Premises Licences.

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

There were 62 Club Premises Licences.

11 new Premises Licences were granted between October and December 2023.

7 Premises Licences were surrendered.

3 Premises Licences were lapsed.

1 Premises Licence was time limited and has now expired.

No Club Premises Certificate were surrendered.

In summary, in October 2023 there were 1125 Premises Licences and Club Premises Licences, and in December 2023, there were 1126.

### 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

2.2

### Gambling Act Premises

On **28 September 2023** there were 34 Gambling Premises Licences in total.

On **19 December 2023** there were 34 gambling premises licences in total.



There were 9 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 application has been received, and the consultation period ends on 10 January 2024.

#### **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

#### **2.3 Taxi and Private Hire Licences**

On **28 September 2023**, East Suffolk Council licensed:

62 hackney carriage vehicles and 166 hackney carriage/private drivers  
 427 private hire vehicles and 389 private hire drivers  
 76 private hire operators

On **19 December 2023**, there were:

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

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

October to December 2023

<u>Type of Licence</u>	<u>Renewed</u>	<u>Did not renew</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Change of Veh</u>
Private Hire Vehicle	59	5	17	19
Hackney Carriage	12	1	3	5

	Private Hire Driver	10	4	25	n/a	
	Hackney Carriage Driver	11	1	2	n/a	
	Private Hire Operator	1	1	1	n/a	
	Rickshaws & Horse drawn	0	0	0	0	
	There are currently 61 new applications for drivers in progress.					
	<b>Taxi and Private Hire Licence Comparisons</b>					
	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
2.4	There have been 3 Sub-Committee hearings regarding a taxi/private hire licence during the period October to December 2023: 23, 26 and 31 October 2023.					

### 3 How to address current situation

3.1 Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.

### 4 Reason/s for recommendation

4.1 To keep Licensing Committee members updated as to the work of the Licensing Sub-Committee and Licensing Services.

## Appendices

Appendices:
None

Background reference papers:		
Date	Type	Available From
None		