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LICENSING COMMITTEE

Monday, 16 January 2023

Subject	Issued Licences in East Suffolk and an Overview of the work of the Licensing Sub-Committees October - December 2022
Report by	Councillor Mary Rudd – Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Community Health
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Is the report Open or Exempt?	OPEN
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Category of Exempt Information and reason why it is NOT in the public interest to disclose the exempt information.	Not applicable
Wards Affected:	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 2022.

Options:

Not applicable. This is an update report for noting.

Recommendation/s:

That the Committee:

- 1) Notes the overview of some of the work of the Licensing Team and the Licensing Sub-committees during the final quarter of 2022.

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 Strategic Plan which are supported by this proposal: <i>(Select only one primary and as many secondary as appropriate)</i>		Primary priority	Secondary priorities
T01	Growing our Economy		
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"/>
T02	Enabling our Communities		
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"/>
T03	Maintaining Financial Sustainability		
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"/>
T04	Delivering Digital Transformation		
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"/>
T05	Caring for our Environment		

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

Background and Justification for Recommendation

1 Background facts				
1.1	Applications determined during October - December 2022			
Premises and type of application	Address	Hearing/mediated	Date of Hearing	Outcome
White Horse VARIATION WPREM2419	47 The Street, Corton, NR32 5HP	Yes	7.11.22	Cons end 16.9.22 Issued
Fox & Hounds Social Club NEW WPREM2593	25 Ravensmere, Beccles, NR34 9DX	No	N/A	Cons end 7.10.22 Issued
Leiston Newsagent VARIATION PREM0308	75 High Street, Leiston, IP16 4BX	Yes	10.11.22	Cons end 19.10.22 Issued
Engineers Arms VARIATION PREM0127	7 Main Street, Leiston, IP16 4ER	Yes	11.11.22	Cons end 19.10.22 Issued
Carnitas Taqueria NEW PREM2249	Beach Street, Micklegate Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2GN	No	N/A	Cons end 23.10.22 Issued
The Grit Lowestoft Centre for the Arts & Heritage NEW WPREM2594	Old Court Buildings, Old Nelson Street, Lowestoft, NR32 1EQ	No	N/A	Cons end 25.10.22 Issued
Leiston Local NEW PREM0308	54 High Street, Leiston, IP16 4EW	No	N/A	Cons end 09.11.22

				Issued
Marsh End SURRENDER PREM0670	Church Road, Blythburgh, IP19 9LL	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 3.10.22 Completed 10.11.22
Pearl River Chinese Takeaway SURRENDER (no alcohol) WPREM2286	3 Blyburgate, Beccles, NR34 9TA	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 11.10.22 Completed 20.12.22
Beccles Conservative Club SURRENDER WCLUB		N/A	N/A	Surrendered 20.10.22 Completed
Oulton Broad Service Station NEW WPREM2596	Normanston Drive, Oulton Broad, NR32 2PY	No	N/A	Cons end 24.11.22 Issued
Loaded-Southwold NEW WPREM2597	6 Victoria Street, Southwold, IP18 6HZ	Yes	19.12.2 2	Cons end 29.11.22 Issued
Morrisons Store & Petrol Filling Station NEW WPREM2595	Tower Road, Gisleham, NR33 7NG	No	N/A	Cons end 30.11.22 Issued
YouDrink SURRENDER WPREM2563	14 Portsch Close, Carlton Colville, NR33 8TY	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 2.11.22 Completed 20.12.22
Bridge Classic Cars Ltd NEW PREM2252	The Nursery, Main Road, Pettistree, IP13 0HH	No	N/A	Cons end 9.12.22 Issued
The Felsto Arms VARIATION PREM0093	Sea Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2BB	Yes	9.1.23	Cons end 14.12.22
Pizzeria Locale Ltd NEW PREM2251	26a High Street, Saxmundham, IP17 1AS	No	N/A	Cons end 15.12.22 Issued
Dixons News NEW	9 Ashburnham Way, Carlton Colville, NE33 8LG			Cons end 23.12.22
V & M Express VARIATION WPREM2557	134 Bevan Street East, Lowestoft, NR32	Yes	-	Cons end 26.12.22 Withdrawn 8.12.22

Fantasia NEW AGC	Sea Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2DH			Cons end 29.12.22
Cherry Tree VARIATION PREM0181	73 Cumberland Street, Woodbridge, IP12 4AG			Cons end 2.1.23
White Hart VARIATION PREM0441	London Road, Blythburgh, IP19 9LQ			Cons end 2.1.23
Bruisyard Village Hall VARIATION PREM0645	Rendham Road, Bruisyard, IP17 2DX	Yes		Cons end 2.1.23 ON HOLD 15.12.22
First Light Festival VARIATION WPREM2541	Lowestoft Beach			Cons end 5.1.23
Nisa Local NEW	11b-11c The Thoroughfare, Woodbridge, IP12 1AA			Cons end 5.1.23
Morrisons Store & Petrol Filling Station NEW	George Westwood Way, Beccles, NR34 9EJ			Cons end 9.1.23
Two Magpies NEW	60 Thoroughfare Woodbridge, IP12 1AL			Cons end 10.1.23
1.2	Appeals to Magistrates Court There are currently no appeals to the Magistrates Court.			
1.3	28-day consultation period has passed, and application is still to be determined There is currently one application waiting to be considered by the Licensing Sub-committee: Variation of Premises Licence – Felsto Arms, Felixstowe – hearing 9 January 2023.			

1.4	<p>In consultation</p> <p>New Premises Licence – Dixons News, Carlton Colville. Consultation period ends on 23 December 2022</p> <p>New Gambling Premises Licence – Fantasia, Felixstowe. Consultation period ends on 29 December 2022</p> <p>Variation of Premises Licence – Cherry Tree, Woodbridge. Consultation period ends on 2 January 2023.</p> <p>Variation of Premises Licence – White Hart, Blythburgh. Consultation period ends on 2 January 2023.</p> <p>Variation of Premises Licence – First Light Festival, Lowestoft. Consultation period ends on 5 January 2023.</p> <p>New Premises Licence – Nisa Local, Woodbridge. Consultation period ends on 5 January 2023</p> <p>New Premises Licence – Morrisons Store & Petrol Station, Beccles. Consultation period ends on 9 January 2023</p> <p>New Premises Licence – Two Magpies Bakery, Woodbridge. Consultation period ends on 10 January 2023</p>
1.5	<p>There have been 6 Sub-committee hearings regarding licensed or gambling premises, or personal licences during the period October to December 2022:</p> <p>21/10/2022 – Film classification</p> <p>07/11/2022 – White Horse, Corton – application to vary</p> <p>10/11/2022 – Leiston Newsagent – application to vary</p> <p>11/11/22 – Engineers Arms. Leiston – application to vary</p> <p>07/12/22 – Film classification</p> <p>19/12/22 – Loaded, Southwold – new application</p>

2 Current position

2.1

Licensing Act Premises

On **30 September 2022** there were 1057 Premises Licences and 913 of these include alcohol on the licence.

There were 63 Club Premises Licences.

On **23 December 2022** there were 1062 Premises Licences and 919 of these include alcohol on the licence.

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In summary, on 30 September 2022 there were 1120 Premises Licences and Club Premises Licences, and on 23 December 2022, there were 1125.

9 new Premises Licences were granted between 28 June 2022 and 30 September 2022.

4 Premises Licences were surrendered.

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

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Gambling Act Premises

On **30 September 2022** there were 35 Gambling Premises Licences in total.

During the final quarter no gambling premises licences were surrendered.

On **23 December 2022** there were 35 gambling premises licences in total.

There were 9 Bingo Premises Licences.

There were 11 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).

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
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2.3	Taxi and Private Hire Licences On 30 September 2022 , East Suffolk Council licensed: 69 hackney carriage vehicles and 172 hackney carriage/private drivers 375 private hire vehicles and 326 private hire drivers 77 private hire operators On 23 December 2022 , there were: 65 hackney carriage vehicles and 171 hackney carriage/private drivers 391 private hire vehicles and 339 private hire drivers 76 private hire operators Since the last Licensing Committee in October 2022, the taxi and private hire licence activity is as follows: October to December 2022 <table><tr><td><u>Type of Licence</u></td><td><u>Renewed</u></td><td><u>Did not renew</u></td><td><u>New</u></td><td><u>Change of Veh</u></td></tr><tr><td>Private Hire Vehicle</td><td>60</td><td>7</td><td>25</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>Hackney Carriage</td><td>8</td><td>5</td><td>4</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>Private Hire Driver</td><td>18</td><td>6</td><td>22</td><td>n/a</td></tr><tr><td>Hackney Carriage Driver</td><td>12</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>n/a</td></tr><tr><td>Private Hire Operator</td><td>4</td><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>n/a</td></tr><tr><td>Rickshaws & Horse drawn</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr></table> There are currently 49 new applications for drivers in progress. Taxi and Private Hire Licence Comparisons <table><tr><td>Date</td><td>HC/PH Drivers</td><td>PH Drivers</td><td>HC Vehicles</td><td>PH Vehicles</td><td>PH Operators</td></tr><tr><td>1 January 2020</td><td>237</td><td>352</td><td>136</td><td>349</td><td>72</td></tr><tr><td>1 July 2020</td><td>223</td><td>341</td><td>108</td><td>301</td><td>75</td></tr><tr><td>1 January 2021</td><td>203</td><td>315</td><td>95</td><td>289</td><td>75</td></tr><tr><td>1 July 2021</td><td>197</td><td>301</td><td>101</td><td>295</td><td>79</td></tr><tr><td>1 January 2022</td><td>194</td><td>321</td><td>73</td><td>350</td><td>81</td></tr><tr><td>1 July 2022</td><td>178</td><td>325</td><td>70</td><td>367</td><td>80</td></tr><tr><td>23 December 2022</td><td>171</td><td>339</td><td>65</td><td>391</td><td>76</td></tr></table>		<u>Type of Licence</u>	<u>Renewed</u>	<u>Did not renew</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Change of Veh</u>	Private Hire Vehicle	60	7	25	13	Hackney Carriage	8	5	4	4	Private Hire Driver	18	6	22	n/a	Hackney Carriage Driver	12	1	2	n/a	Private Hire Operator	4	2	1	n/a	Rickshaws & Horse drawn	0	0	0	0	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
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2.4	There have been 2 Sub-Committee hearings regarding a taxi/private hire licence during the period October to December 2022.
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3 Reason/s for recommendation

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

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None