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LICENSING COMMITTEE

Monday, 17 April 2023

Subject	Issued Licences in East Suffolk and an Overview of the work of the Licensing Sub-Committees January – March 2023
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 January to March 2023.

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 first 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.
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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 January – March 2023			
Premises and type of application	Address	Hearing/ mediated	Date of Hearing	Outcome
Beccles Conservative Club SURRENDER WCLUB0003	London Road, Beccles, NR34 9TZ	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 20.10.22 Completed 23.2.23
The Felsto Arms VARIATION PREM0093	Sea Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2BB	Yes	9.1.23	Cons end 14.12.22 Issued 24.1.23
Cherry Tree VARIATION PREM0181	73 Cumberland Street, Woodbridge, IP12 4AG	No	N/A	Cons end 2.1.23 Issued 20.1.23
White Hart VARIATION PREM0441	London Road, Blythburgh, IP19 9LQ	No	N/A	Cons end 2.1.23 Issued 20.1.23
Bruisyard Village Hall VARIATION PREM0645	Rendham Road, Bruisyard, IP17 2DX	Yes	N/A	Cons end 2.1.23 Withdrawn 20.3.23
First Light Festival VARIATION WPREM2541	Lowestoft Beach	No	N/A	Cons end 5.1.23 Issued 20.1.22
Nisa Local NEW	11b-11c The Thoroughfare,	Yes	2.2.23	Cons end 5.1.23

PREM2257	Woodbridge, IP12 1AA			Issued 6.3.23
Morrisons Store & Petrol Filling Station NEW WPREM2599	George Westwood Way, Beccles, NR34 9EJ	No	N/A	Cons end 9.1.23 Issued 20.1.23
Two Magpies NEW PREM2253	60 Thoroughfare Woodbridge, IP12 1AL	No	N/A	Cons end 10.1.23 Issued 24.1.23
V & M Express SURRENDER WPREM2557	134 Bevan Street East, Lowestoft, NR32 2AQ	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 23.12.22 Completed 23.2.23
Husk NEW PREM2254	Walnut Tree Farm, Thorington, IP17 3QP	No	N/A	Cons end 8.2.23 Issued 9.2.23
Oulton Broad Garage SURRENDER WPREM2388	199 Normanston Drive, Oulton Broad, NR32 2PY	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 18.1.23 Completed 23.2.23
Nistor's NEW PREM2256	60 High Street, Leiston, IP16 4BZ	Yes - resolved	N/A	Cons end 17.2.23 Issued 3.3.23
Chapel Barn Reception NEW PREM2255	Wilderness Reserve, Halesworth Road, Heveningham, IP19 0EJ	No	N/A	Cons end 17.2.23 Issued 22.2.23
Morrisons SURRENDER WPREM2254	18 Tower Road, Gisleham, NR33 7NG	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 25.1.23 Completed 23.2.23
Family Amusements AGC1-3 SURRENDER Adult Gaming Centre PL	Sea Road, Felixstowe, IP11 2DH	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 30.1.23 Completed 3.3.23
The Little Wine Bar NEW PREM2258	288 High Street, Walton, IP11 9EB	Yes - EP	23.3.23	Cons end 27.2.23 Issued 23.3.23
Suffolk Lunch SURRENDER WPREM2331	18 Broad Street, Bungay, NR35 1EE	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 1.2.23 Completed 15.3.23
Honey & Harvey VARIATION PREM2179	Unit 1 & 2A Riduna park, Station Road, Melton, IP12 1QT	No	N/A	Cons end 14.3.23

				Issued 15.3.23
Wangford Community Centre NEW WPREM2601	Millfields, Wangford, NR34 8RG	No	N/A	Cons end 6.3.23 Issued 8.3.23
Country Kitchen SURRENDER WPREM2360	Crossways, 1 Chapel Road, Wrentham, NR34 7TL	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 15.2.23 Completed 15.3.23
Bell Gallery NEW WPREM2602	40 Earsham Street, Bungay, NR35 1AQ	No	N/A	Cons end 16.3.23 Issued 20.3.23
Slurps NEW WITHDRAWN 7.3.23	Unit 6 18-32 Station Square, Lowestoft, NR32 1BA	Yes	N/A	Cons end 16.3.23 Withdrawn 7.3.23
Pantry SURRENDER WPREM2282	2 Surrey Street, Lowestoft, NR32 1LJ	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 20.2.23 Completed 20.3.23
Suffolk Show VARIATION PREM2133	Trinity Park, Felixstowe Road, Purdis Farm, IP3 8UH	No	N/A	Cons end 21.3.23 Issued 21.3.23
Castle Community Rooms NEW	Church Street, Framlingham, IP13 9BJ	Yes	13.4.23	Cons end 20.3.23
Waveney VARIATION WPREM2406	132-134 Bridge Road, Lowestoft, NR33 9JT			Cons end 30.3.23
Carlton Meres Country Park VARIATION PREM2167	Kelsale cum Carlton, Saxmundham, IP17 2QP			Cons end 11.4.23
Claremont Pier NEW AGC	Claremont Road, Lowestoft, NR33 0BS			Cons end 11.4.23
Morrisons SURRENDER WPREM2253	George Westwood Way, Beccles, NR34 9EJ	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 15.3.23
Revolution NEW	41-43 Smallgate, Beccles, NR34 9AE			Cons end 12.4.23
Deben High School SURRENDER PREM0201	Garrison Lane, Felixstowe, IP11 7RF	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 21.3.23

				Building already demolished.
Felixstowe Academy SURRENDER PREM0289	Maidstone Road, Felixstowe, IP11 9EF	N/A	N/A	Surrendered 21.3.23 Building already demolished.
Monewden Airfield NEW	Monewden, Woodbridge, IP13 7DF			Cons end 18.4.23
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: New Premises Licence – Castle Rooms, Framlingham – hearing 13 April 2023.			
1.4	In consultation Variation of Premises Licence – Waveney, Lowestoft. Consultation period ends 30 March 2023 Variation of Premises Licence – Carlton Meres Country Park, Kelsale-cum-Carlton. Consultation period ends 11 April 2023 New Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence – Claremont Pier, Lowestoft. Consultation period ends 11 April 2023 New Premises Licence – Revolution, Beccles. Consultation period ends 12 April 2023 New Premises Licence – Monewden Airfield, Monewden. Consultation period ends 18 April 2023			
1.5	There has been one Sub-committee hearing regarding licensed or gambling premises, or personal licences during the period January to March 2023: 23/03/2023 – New premises licence application and film classification			

2 Current position

2.1

Licensing Act Premises

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

There were 63 Club Premises Licences.

On **29 March 2023** there were 1063 Premises Licences and 922 of these include alcohol on the licence.

There were 62 Club Premises Licences.

10 new Premises Licences were granted between 23 December 2022 and 29 March 2023.

10 Premises Licences were surrendered.

1 Club Premises Certificate was surrendered

In summary, on 23 December 2022 there were 1125 Premises Licences and Club Premises Licences, and on 29 March 2023, there were 1124.

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 **23 December 2022** there were 35 Gambling Premises Licences in total.

2 Adult Gaming Centre (AGC) Premises Licences were applied for: Fantasia, Felixstowe and Claremont Pier, Lowestoft. The AGC for Fantasia has been granted. The Claremont Pier application is still in consultation.

3 Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence were surrendered. These were replaced by the single new AGC for Fantasia, Sea Road, Felixstowe.

On **29 March 2023** there were 33 gambling premises licences in total.

There were 9 Bingo Premises Licences.

There were 9 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

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2.3	Taxi and Private Hire Licences On 23 December 2022 , East Suffolk Council licensed: 65 hackney carriage vehicles and 171 hackney carriage/private drivers 391 private hire vehicles and 339 private hire drivers 79 private hire operators On 29 March 2023 , there were: 63 hackney carriage vehicles and 164 hackney carriage/private drivers 410 private hire vehicles and 361 private hire drivers 80 private hire operators Since the last Licensing Committee in January 2023, the taxi and private hire licence activity is as follows: January to March 2023 <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>57</td><td>3</td><td>17</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td>Hackney Carriage</td><td>8</td><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Private Hire Driver</td><td>17</td><td>3</td><td>24</td><td>n/a</td></tr><tr><td>Hackney Carriage Driver</td><td>12</td><td>6</td><td>1</td><td>n/a</td></tr><tr><td>Private Hire Operator</td><td>2</td><td>1</td><td>5</td><td>n/a</td></tr><tr><td>Rickshaws & Horse drawn</td><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr></table> There are currently 66 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></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	57	3	17	15	Hackney Carriage	8	0	1	3	Private Hire Driver	17	3	24	n/a	Hackney Carriage Driver	12	6	1	n/a	Private Hire Operator	2	1	5	n/a	Rickshaws & Horse drawn	0	1	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
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	23 December 2022	171	339	65	391	76	
2.4	There have been 3 Sub-Committee hearings regarding a taxi/private hire licence during the period January to March 2023.						

3 How to address current situation

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

Appendices:

None

Background reference papers:

None