

REPORT TITLE: Licensing Services Update Report

Meeting:	Licensing and Safety Committee
Date:	3 rd July 2025
Cabinet Member (if applicable)	Cllr Amanda Pinnock
Key Decision Eligible for Call In	No No
Purpose of Report The purpose of the report is to inform members of the activities undertaken to discharge the Council's licensing functions from 1 st April 2024 to 31 st March 2025	
Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members are asked to note the report. Reasons for Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report is for information only 	
Resource Implications: There are no resource implications relating to this report.	
Date signed off by <u>Executive Director</u> & name	David Shepherd – 23.05.2025
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?	Kevin Mulvaney – 27.05.2025
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer)?	Samantha Lawton – 06.06.2025

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: None

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? Yes, any personal data has been removed for the purpose of this report.

1. Executive Summary

1.1 This report is to provide members of the Licensing and Safety Committee with an update on the activities undertaken by the Council's Licensing Service between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025.

2. Information required to take a decision

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing

2.1 The overriding aim of the licensing service, when carrying out its functions relating to the licensing of hackney carriage and private hire drivers, vehicles and operators, is the safety of the travelling public and others who use (or can be affected by) hackney carriage and private hire services.

Current Licence Numbers

2.2 The number of current hackney carriage and private hire licences in force as of 2nd May 2025 are set out in the table below: -

Type	No.
Hackney Carriage Vehicles	201
Dual Drivers Licence	3351
Private Hire Operators	208
Private Hire Vehicles	2326
Total	6,086

2.3 The following table sets out the number of hackney carriage and private hire applications received by the service between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025.

Licence Type	Application Type	2024/2025	2023/2024	2022/2023
Hackney Carriage Vehicle	New/Renewal	247	259	252
Dual Drivers Licence	New	481	426	245
	Renewal	1,010	1,110	1,352
Private Hire Operator	New	70	62	50
	Renewal	95	83	71
Private Hire Vehicle	New	892	768	516
	Renewal	1,717	1,673	1,601
	Transfer	153	130	133
Total		4,665	4,511	4,220

2.4 Members will note that the number of new driver applications and new vehicles is still steadily increasing following the reduction in numbers we had during the pandemic.

2.5 Prior to the pandemic the last update report to members in October 2018 stated that the number of hackney carriage / private hire drivers licensed were 2,950 and then the next update report to members in December 2020 the numbers had dropped to 2,896, we are now at 3351.

Vehicle Testing

2.6 The tables below show the numbers of vehicle compliance tests taken at the Council's two testing stations between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025.

George Street Testing Station												
	April 24	May 24	June 24	July 24	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25
No of Tests	111	114	168	97	114	103	96	146	78	151	101	128
Passed	57	80	120	68	73	62	67	104	52	104	64	90
Failed	54	34	48	29	41	41	29	42	24	47	37	38
% Passed	51%	70%	71%	70%	64%	60%	70%	71%	69%	69%	63%	70%
% Failed	49%	30%	29%	30%	36%	40%	30%	29%	31%	31%	37%	30%

Vine Street Testing Station												
	April 24	May 24	June 24	July 24	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25
No of Tests	74	69	87	92	93	97	104	62	70	94	100	89
Passed	51	56	66	81	78	80	76	54	58	80	81	72
Failed	23	13	21	11	15	17	28	8	12	14	19	17
% Passed	69%	81%	76%	88%	84%	82%	73%	87%	83%	85%	81%	81%
% Failed	31%	19%	24%	12%	16%	18%	27%	13%	17%	15%	19%	19%

Vine Street and George Street Combined												
	April 24	May 24	June 24	July 24	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25
No of Tests	185	183	255	189	207	200	207	208	148	245	201	217
Passed	108	136	186	149	151	142	151	158	110	184	145	162
Failed	77	47	69	40	56	48	56	50	38	61	56	55
% Passed	58%	65%	63%	73%	63%	66%	63%	68%	65%	75%	61%	75%
% Failed	42%	35%	37%	27%	37%	34%	37%	32%	35%	25%	39%	25%

2.7 Further details regarding the reasons for the failure of tests and numbers of vehicles that have failed in each category are shown in the table below: -

(Please note some vehicles may have failed on more than one item which will account for the numbers being higher than the failure rates above).

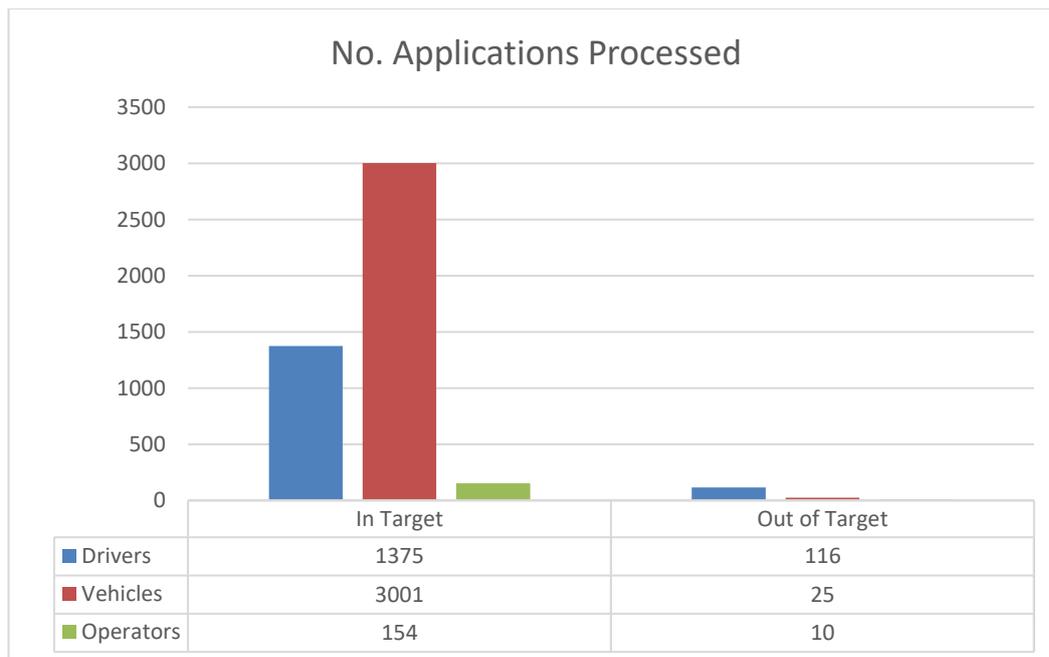
Reason for Failure	Vine Street and George Street	Percentage of total failures (653)	Percentage (Total number of tests 2,445)
Lighting	308	47%	13%
Steering/Suspension	171	26%	7%
Brakes	119	18%	5%
Wheels/Tyres	152	23%	6%

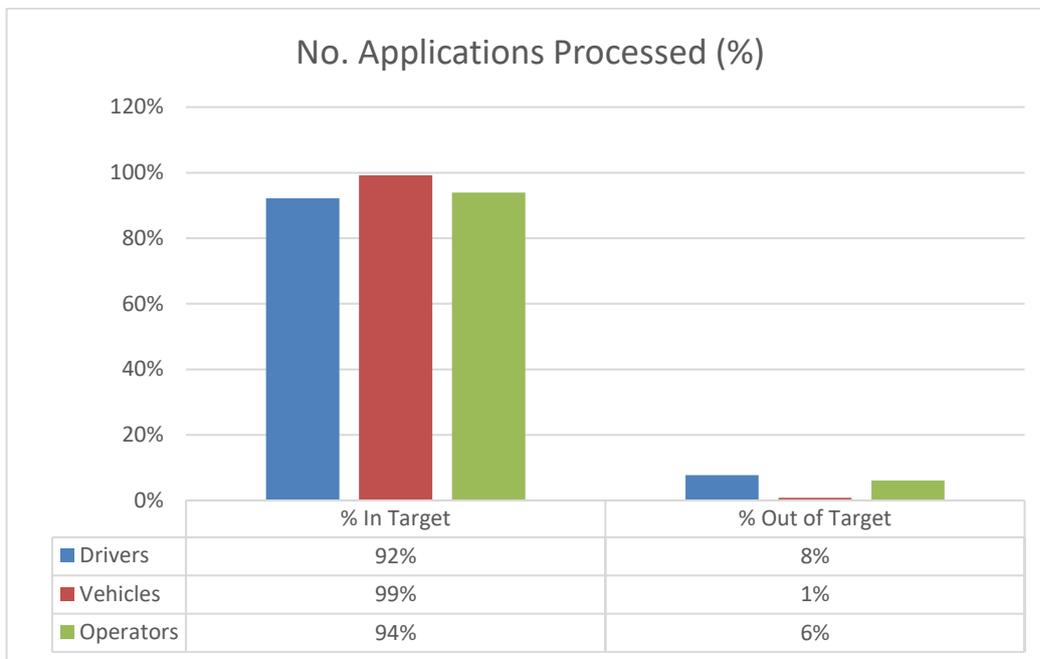
Emissions Diesel	56	9%	2%
Emissions Catalyst	2	0.3%	0.08%
Meter Tests	1	0.2%	0.04%
Body Work	5	1%	0.2%
Fire Extinguisher	34	5%	1%
Interior	29	4%	1%
Other	89	14%	4%

Service Standards

2.8 In August 2021, the licensing service introduced its service standards, the following tables show how the service have performed against the standards between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025.

	April 24 - March 25				
	No. Processed	In Target	% In Target	Out of Target	% Out of Target
Drivers	1491	1375	92%	116	8%
Vehicles	3026	3001	99%	25	1%
Operators	164	154	94%	10	6%





Delegated Decisions

<u>Offence/Issue</u>	<u>Decisions and Reasons</u>
1. Crimes resulting in death of another person or was intended to cause the death or serious injury to another person.	N/A
2. Exploitation – any crimes involving, related to, or has any connection with abuse, exploitation, use or treatment of another individual irrespective of whether the victims were adults or children including, for example: slavery, child sexual exploitation, grooming, psychological, emotional, or financial abuse.	N/A
3. Offences involving violence (including arson, riot, terrorism offences, harassment, common assault & criminal damage) or connected	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New applicant Battery conviction 2018 Consideration of circumstances and information from Police. Decision – Grant with Warning. 2. New Applicant Conviction for common assault.

<p>with any offence of violence.</p>	<p>No exceptional circumstances demonstrated for deviation against policy. Decision – Application Refused.</p> <p>3. New Applicant Caution for battery. Consideration given to information provided by applicant and police. Decision – Grant with Warning.</p> <p>4. New Applicant Battery conviction December 2017. Consideration of circumstances surrounding conviction from applicant and police. Plus length of time since offence date and conviction. Decision – Grant with Warning.</p>
<p>4. Possession of a weapon or any other weapon related offence.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>5. Sex and indecency offences – any offence involving or connected with illegal sexual activity or any form of indecency.</p>	<p>1. New Applicant Sexual Assault conviction showing on DBS, no exceptional circumstances to deviate from policy demonstrated by applicant. Decision – Application refused.</p> <p>2. Existing Driver Allegation of sexual assault x2 Decision – Immediate Suspension.</p> <p>3. Existing Driver Allegation of sexual assault. 2nd allegation of sexual assault in 12 months. Decision – Immediate Suspension Information gathered following police investigation. Final Decision – Revocation</p> <p>4. Existing Suspended Driver Previous allegation from a passenger, police decision no further action. Decision – Licence reinstated.</p>
<p>6. Dishonesty – any offence of dishonesty, or any offence where dishonesty is an element of the offence.</p>	<p>1. Existing Driver Conviction for perverting the course of justice. No exceptional circumstances demonstrated to deviate from policy. Decision – Licence Revoked.</p> <p>2. Existing Driver Caution for theft.</p>

	<p>Consideration given to the circumstances resulting in the caution being issued, from information provided by the police and the driver. Decision – Issue Warning</p> <p>3. Existing Driver and Operator Conviction for perverting the Course of Justice. Consideration given to information provided by the police and driver/operator. No exceptional circumstances provided by licence holder. Decision – Driver and Operator Licence's Revoked.</p>
<p>7. Drugs supply – any conviction for, or related to, the supply of drugs, or possession with intent to supply or connected with possession with intent to supply.</p>	<p>1. Existing Driver Information supplied by the police; DBS status updated. Driver arrested for possession with intent to supply drugs. Decision – Immediate Suspension.</p> <p>2. Existing Driver Arrested for possession with intent to supply drugs. Decision – Immediate Suspension Decision Appealed to Magistrates – Appeal Dismissed.</p> <p>3. New Applicant Conviction for intent to supply drugs 2017 and caution for assault 2017. January 2022 SP50 motoring conviction (Speeding on the motorway) Decision – Application Refused.</p>
<p>8. Drugs use – any conviction for possession of drugs or related to possession of drugs.</p>	N/A
<p>9. Discrimination – any conviction involving or connected with discrimination in any form.</p>	N/A
<p>10. Drink driving/driving under the influence of drugs.</p>	<p>1. Existing Driver Driving motor vehicle with a proportion of a specified controlled drug above the specified limit. Decision – Immediate Suspension.</p> <p>2. Existing Driver Arrested for drink driving in licensed vehicle and multiple speeding offences.</p>

<p>11. Driving whilst using a hand-held telephone or other device.</p>	<p>Decision – Immediate Suspension.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Existing Driver – CU80 motoring conviction (using mobile phone) No exceptional circumstances demonstrated for deviation from policy. Decision – Licence Revoked. Decision Appealed to Magistrates – Appeal Dismissed 2. Existing Driver CU80 motoring conviction (using mobile phone) No exceptional circumstances demonstrated for deviation from policy. Decision – Licence Revoked 3. New Applicant CU80 Motoring conviction Exceptional circumstances shown for reason for answering call. Previous licence holder with the Authority – no adverse history. Decision – Grant with Warning. 4. Existing Driver CU80 motoring conviction, failure to notify in accordance with conditions of licence. No exceptional circumstances demonstrated for deviation from policy. Decision – Licence Revoked 5. Existing Driver CU80 motoring conviction – Police statement stated driver was watching cricket on mobile phone in cradle whilst driving. Driver was not truthful in interview. Decision – Licence Revoked. 6. New Applicant CU80 motoring conviction Jan 2024. Having considered the information provided by the applicant and the information provided by the police including footage of the incident. Applicant was not truthful in interview. Decision – Application Refused. 7. New Applicant CU80 motoring conviction August 2024. No exceptional circumstances demonstrated for deviation from policy. Decision – Application Refused.
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	<p>8. Existing Driver CU80 motoring conviction and SP30 motoring conviction. Failure to declare. No exceptional circumstances demonstrated by the driver. Police information, video playing while driver had phone in hand. Decision – Licence Revoked.</p> <p>9. Existing Driver CU80 motoring conviction, failure to declare motoring conviction. Dishonesty in interview when asked to provide his version of events this differed from the police officer’s statement. Decision - Licence Revoked.</p>
<p>12. Minor traffic or vehicle related offences – offences which do not include offences involving: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • loss of life, • driving under the influence of drink or drugs, • driving whilst using a handheld telephone or other device • No Insurance • Offences which have resulted in injury to any person or damage to any property (including vehicles) 	<p>1. Existing Driver 9 points on DVLA driving licence, 6 points for failure to disclose identity of driver. Initial decision – requirement to complete and pass refresher driving test and receive final written warning. Case reopened as driver failed to book onto the driving test within the required timescale and subsequently stated would not take the test. Decision – Licence Revoked.</p> <p>2. Existing Driver TT99 motoring conviction resulting in DVLA driving licence being revoked. Decision – Immediate Revocation</p> <p>3. Existing Driver 9 points for minor motoring convictions: TS10 failure to comply with traffic light signals SP30 exceeding the speed limit on a public road CU30 using vehicle with defective tyres. Decision – Warning letter and requirement to undertake and pass practical driving test.</p> <p>4. Existing Driver 9 Points for minor motoring convictions. Decision – Warning Letter and requirement to undertake and pass practical driving test within 3 months.</p> <p>5. New Applicant</p>

	<p>TT99 (totting up) May 2022. Decision – Grant with warning</p>
<p>13. Major traffic or vehicle related offences – offences not covered under minor traffic or vehicle related offences and also any offence which resulted in injury to a person or damage to any property (including vehicles), driving without insurance or any offence relating to motor insurance.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New applicant DBS showed conviction for using vehicle whilst uninsured and driving whilst disqualified. Other motoring convictions included TT99 (totting up) and SP10 exceeding goods vehicle speed limits. No exceptional circumstances demonstrated for deviation from policy. Decision – Application Refused. 2. New applicant Motoring conviction – No insurance July 2020. Consideration of circumstances provided by applicant. Decision – Grant with warning. 3. New applicant Motoring conviction – No insurance June 2020. Consideration of circumstances provided by applicant. Decision – Grant with warning. 4. Existing Driver MS90 Motoring offence conviction date May 2024. Intentionally provided false declaration to the police regarding the driver details at the time of the motoring offence. Decision – Licence Revoked. 5. Existing (Suspended) Driver Received Driving ban for previous incident resulting in immediate suspension for injury of elderly female. Decision – Licence Revoked. 6. New Applicant Motoring conviction May 2018 using vehicle whilst uninsured and dangerous driving. Policy is 7 years, conviction at time of decision was 6 years 7 months. No further motoring convictions since and no other issues. Decision – Grant with Warning. 7. Existing Driver

	<p>Motoring conviction – No Insurance Consideration given to the circumstances surrounding the motoring conviction, decision is they were exceptional. Decision – Issue Warning.</p> <p>8. Existing Driver Motoring Conviction for no insurance, failure to declare motoring conviction. No exceptional circumstances provided by driver. Decision – Licence Revoked.</p> <p>9. New Applicant Conviction for no insurance, failure to declare on application. No exceptional circumstances provided. Decision – Application Refused.</p> <p>10. Existing Driver No insurance motoring conviction. No exceptional circumstances demonstrated by driver to deviate from policy. Decision – Licence Revoked.</p> <p>11. New Applicant No insurance motoring conviction. Consideration of length of time since motoring conviction and reasons given by the applicant. Decision – Grant with Warning.</p>
<p>14. Hackney carriage and private hire offences.</p>	<p>1. Existing Driver Using an unlicensed vehicle to completed private hire licensing jobs. Prosecution completed by a licensing authority. No exceptional circumstance demonstrated for deviation against policy. Decision – Licence Revoked.</p> <p>2. Existing Driver Prosecuted for plying for hire. Previously cautioned for plying for hire. Decision – Licence Revoked.</p>
<p>15. Vehicle use offences, for example being carried in vehicle without the owner’s consent.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>16. General standard of behaviour/repeat</p>	<p>1. Existing Driver Conviction for causing unnecessary suffering to a protected animal Aug 2024.</p>

<p>complaints regarding attitude/driving standard and any other reason they may be deemed not 'fit and proper' to hold/continue to hold a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence and not resulting in conviction.</p>	<p>Consideration given to all aspects of conviction and information provided by driver and other sources, conviction does not feature in our policy Decision – Issue final written warning.</p> <p>2. Existing Driver Medical Fitness – does not currently meet group 2 requirement. Decision – Immediate Suspension</p> <p>3. Existing Driver Notification from DBS that DBS status had changed. No conviction received but driver added to Children's barred list. Consideration given to circumstances for driver being added to Children's barred list. In addition, two previous complaints from lone female passengers about inappropriate behaviour. Decision – Licence Revoked with immediate effect.</p> <p>4. Existing Driver Driver involved in road traffic collision, was breathalysed at the roadside and blew over the legal limit, when arrested and taken to police station blew under the legal limit – police no further action. Decision – Warning letter issued.</p>
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Licensing Act 2003 and General Licensing

2.9 The total number of Licensing Act and General Licences in force as of 12th May 2025 are set out in the table below: -

Type	No.
Premises Licences	1357
Club Premises Certificate	168
Gambling Licences	646
Sexual Entertainment Venue/Sex Shop	2
Scrap Metal Dealer / Collector	26
Pavement Licence	15
Other General licences/permits	95
Total	2,309

2.10 The following table sets out the number of Licensing Act applications processed by the service between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025, with a comparison for the two years prior.

Application Type	2024/2025	2023/2024	2022/2023
New	42	58	50
Full Variation	13	13	9
Minor Variation	32	13	17
Transfer	79	76	79
Temporary Event Notices	508	536	594
Personal Licences	218	204	164
Total	892	900	913

2.11 The following applications were considered by the Licensing Panel between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025.

Application Type	Premises	Outcome
Licensing Act 2003 Full Variation – Premises Licence	Le Sorelle, 5 Pickford Street, Milnsbridge Huddersfield	Refused
Licensing act 2003 New Grant – Premises Licence	Oi Dumplings, 9 Peel Street, Marsden, Huddersfield	Granted with Conditions
Licensing Act 2003 New Grant – Premises Licence	Mapplewell Bottle Shop Ltd, 337-339 Wakefield Road, Denby Dale, Huddersfield	Granted with Conditions
Licensing Act 2003 New Grant – Premises Licence	Silent Woman, Nabbs Lane, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield	Granted with Conditions
Licensing Act 2003 Licence Review – Premises Licence	Markwan Mini Market, Trading as – Hudds Wines, 8 Kirkgate, Huddersfield	Licence Revoked
Licensing Act 2003 New Grant – Premises Licence	Honley Wine Bar Ltd, 23 Westgate, Honley, Holmfirth	Granted with Conditions
Licensing Act 2003 New Grant – Premises Licence	Stop and Shop, 293B and 293C Old Wakefield Road, Moldgreen, Huddersfield	Granted with Conditions
Licensing Act 2003 Licence Review Premises Licence	Ten Fourteen Bar, 10-14 Dunford Road, Holmfirth	Addition of Conditions to Licence
Licensing Act 2003 Licence Review Premises Licence	Dubai Stores, 1-3 Willow Lane, Huddersfield	Licence Revoked

Total Number of Applications Received

2.12 The licensing service deals with a wide range of applications:

- Licensing Act 2003
- Gambling Act 2005
- Hackney Carriage and Private Hire
- Street Trading
- Street Activities
- Charitable Collections
- Sex Establishments and Sexual Entertainment Venues
- Hypnotists
- Scrap Metal Site and Collectors
- Pavement Licences
- Literature Distribution

2.13 In the period of 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025 the service received a total of **6,268** applications. In comparison in the period of 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024 the service received a total of **5,982** applications. This is an increase of 286 applications from the previous year.

Terrorism Protection of Premises Act 2025 (Martyn’s Law)

- 2.14 The Terrorism Protection of Premises Act 2025 “the Act”, commonly referred to as Martyn’s Law, is intended to improve protective security and organisational preparedness across the UK. The Act was given Royal Assent on 3rd April 2025, and it is expected that the implementation period will be at least 24 months, within this time the Home Office will publish statutory guidance.
- 2.15 The aim of the new Act is to require certain premises and events to ensure steps have been taken to prepare for potential terrorist attacks and get ready to help keep people safe in the event of an attack. In addition, certain larger premises and events will be required to consider and, where appropriate, take steps to reduce their vulnerability to acts of terrorism.
- 2.16 There will be a standard duty for premises (not just licensed premises) or venues with capacities of 200 – 799 (including staff) and an enhanced duty for venues or events with capacities of 800+ (inc staff).
- 2.17 Compliance with the requirements as set out in the Act will be enforced by the Security Industry Authority “SIA”.
- 2.18 There will also be an amendment to the Licensing Act 2003 to make provision about the inclusion of plans in public registers kept under those Acts and about the disclosure of certain plans not included in those registers. Plans will need to be compliant with regulations under the Act.

Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) England Regulations 2024

- 2.19 As of 1st June 2025, it will be illegal for a person to supply offer to supply or have in their possession for supply a single-use vape.
- 2.20 A single-use vape is a vape which is not designed or intended to be re-used and includes any vape which is: -
- a) Not refillable

- b) Not rechargeable; or
- c) Not refillable and not rechargeable

2.21 The enforcement of the new regulations will fall to West Yorkshire Joint Services – Trading Standards.

Tobacco and Vapes Bill

2.22 The Tobacco and Vapes Bill is a bill to: -

- i. Make provision about the supply of tobacco, vapes and other products, including provision prohibiting the sale of tobacco to people born or after 1st January 2009 and provision about the licensing of retail sales and the registration of retailers;
- ii. Enable product and information requirements to be imposed in connection with tobacco, vapes and other products;
- iii. Control the advertising and promotion of tobacco, vapes and other products; and
- iv. Make provision about smoke-free places, vape-free places and heated tobacco-free places.

2.23 The Bill is currently at Committee Stage at the House of Lords and officers will provide further information and update members once the Bill receives royal ascent.

West Yorkshire Joint Services – Trading Standards

2.24 The Licensing team and the co-located Police licensing officers work closely with Trading Standards. Visits to premises are conducted when intelligence has been gathered by Trading Standards.

2.25 While not every premises that is inspected is licensed, it is important to note that Trading Standards work in partnership with the Licensing service and the Police and where required enforcement action is taken in the form of reviews of premises licences found to be selling illicit tobacco or illegal vapes.

2.26 **22nd April 2024, in Huddersfield –**

- Shop 1 was inspected, 26 x 20 packets of cigarettes and 115 over sized vapes were seized.
Licence review called and licence revoked.

2.27 **28th August 2024, in Dewsbury –**

- Shop 1 and a car to the rear of the shop were inspected, 531 x 20 packets of cigarettes, 72 x 50g pouches of hand rolling tobacco and 91 oversized vapes were seized.
- Shop 2 was inspected and 248 x 20 packets of cigarettes and 27 x 50g pouches of hand rolling tobacco were seized.

In all the total value of goods seized on this day was £17,029.05.

2.28 **17th November 2024, in Dewsbury –**

- Shop 1 was inspected, 273 x 20 packets of cigarettes and 28 x 50g pouches of hand rolling tobacco were seized.

- Shop 2 was inspected, 179 x 20 packets of cigarettes and 144 oversized vapes were seized.
- Shop 3 was inspected, 112 x 20 packets of cigarettes, 29 x 50g pouches of hand rolling tobacco and 251 over sized vapes were seized.
- Shop 4 was inspected and nothing was found.

2.29 15th January 2025, Various locations –

- Shop 1 was inspected, 328 oversized vapes were seized.
- Shop 2 was inspected, 379 x 20 packets of cigarettes, 26x50g pouches of hand rolling tobacco and 1,479 vapes were seized.
- Shop 3 was inspected 12 x 20 packets of cigarettes, 2 x 50g pouches of hand rolling tobacco, 21 vapes and 147 pouches of shisha tobacco were seized.
Licence review called but licence was surrendered.
- Shop 4 was inspected 17 x 20 packets of cigarettes, 2 x 50g pouches of hand rolling tobacco and 80 vapes were seized.

The retail value of these items is around £35,000.00

Staffing within the Licensing Service and Enforcement Activity

2.30 Licensing Officers undertake proactive enforcement activity both during and outside normal office working hours. This can vary from licensed vehicle checks, licensed operator base checks, premises licence compliance checks, gambling licence compliance checks and so on.

2.31 Between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025 officers carried out 52 proactive enforcement visits / inspections, which is an average of 4 per month. The following table provides a brief overview of the activities undertaken within the period: -

Month		
16th April 24	Vehicle Checks – joint operation with police	16 vehicles inspected – 14 rectification notices issued.
20th April 2024	Operator Base Checks	2 Operator bases inspected.
26th April 2024	Hackney Rank Checks – North Kirklees	1 vehicle licence suspended.
14th May 2024	Vehicle Checks – Joint operation with Police and DVSA	24 vehicles inspected – 13 rectification notices issues and 1 vehicle licence suspended.
15th May 2024	Vehicle Checks – Joint operation with Police and DVSA	21 vehicles inspected – 6 rectification notices issued and 5 vehicle licences suspended.
20th May 2024	Vehicle Checks – Joint Operation with police and DVSA	18 vehicles inspected – 6 rectification notices issued and 1 vehicle licence suspended.

23rd May 2024	Hackney Rank Checks and Premises Licence Checks	Taxi ranks checked across Kirklees and 3 licensed premises inspected for compliance.
7th June 2024	Premises licence visits	3 Licensed premises inspected Heckmondwike, Holmfirth and Lindley.
10th June 2024	A Boards and Goods on the Highway – with Police	27 premises checked in Huddersfield Town Centre, Lindley and Marsh. 2 Fixed penalty notices issued to licensed drivers for smoking in vehicles.
12th June 2024	Vehicle Checks – with police and DVSA	33 vehicles inspected - 3 rectification notices issued and 5 vehicle licences suspended.
13th June 2024	Vehicle Checks – with police	18 vehicles inspected - 5 rectification notices issued, 1 vehicle licence suspended and 1 fixed penalty notice issued for smoking in vehicle.
13th June 2024	A boards and Goods on the highway – with police	32 premises checked
21st June 2024	Hackney Rank and Operator Base checks	Huddersfield Train Station Rank, Holmfirth Ranks, Lindley Working Men’s Club visited, Operator Base check.
12th July 2024	Various Checks	Ranks, Premises and Operator Checks both North and South Kirklees
26th July 2024	Vehicle Checks – with police and DVSA	16 vehicles inspected, including 1 Leeds, 1 Wolverhampton, 1 Leeds and 4 rectification notices issued.
26th July 2024	Various Checks	Rank Dewsbury, Operator Base check Batley, Premises Visit, hand delivery of letter, Holmfirth Walk Round, Hackney Vehicles checked, and 2 rectification notices issued.
29th July 2024	Vehicle Checks – with police and DVSA	10 vehicles inspected, and 3 rectification notices issued.
30th July 2024	Various checks	Dewsbury Ranks, Blue notice checked, 5 premises checked.
31st July 2024	Complaint Inspections	Clayton West Taxi complaint, Dewsbury Rank

		Check, Premises check due to complaint.
7th August 2024	Various Checks	A Board Licence Drop off, Operator Base inspection Holmfirth, Blue Notice Check Cleckheaton, Dewsbury Train and Bus Station Rank Checks, Holmfirth, Meltham, Cleckheaton, Marsden, Slaithwaite, Linthwaite and Milnsbridge checks.
06th September 2024	Vehicle Checks – with police and DVSA	26 Vehicles inspected, 4 rectification notices issued, 1 vehicle licence suspended.
19th September 2024	Vehicle Checks – with police and DVSA	28 vehicles inspected, and 2 rectification notices issued.
19th September 2024	Various checks	Ranks in Holmfirth, Dewsbury, Huddersfield, and 5 premises checked.
7th October 2024	Operator Base inspections	2 operator bases inspected.
10th October 2024	Joint inspection with Environmental Health	1 premises visited
18th October 2024	Various checks	2 Blue notices checked and 3 premises inspections.
25th October 2024	Various checks	1 premises visited and covered North and South Kirklees.
29th October 2024	Vehicle Checks – with police and DVSA	25 vehicles inspected and 3 vehicle licences suspended.
1st November 2024	Various checks	Taxi work and Licensing Act work across the district.
11th November 2024	Vehicle Checks – with police and DVSA	9 vehicles inspected and 1 vehicle licence suspended.
15th November 2024	Vehicle Checks – with police and DVSA	30 vehicles inspected, 1 vehicle licence suspended and 1 operator base inspection.
22nd November 2024	Vehicle Checks – with police and DVSA	5 vehicles checked 2 Leeds licensed vehicles, 3 Kirklees licensed vehicles.
2nd December 2024	Vehicle Checks – with police	15 vehicles inspected, 2 rectification notices issued and 2 vehicle licences suspended.
2nd December 2024	Various checks	South Kirklees Vehicle checks, North Kirklees Premises Licence checks.

3rd December 2024	Various matters	Hand delivery of revocation letter, checked notice, checked ranks in Huddersfield and Dewsbury, invoice visits.
10th December 2024	Various	Gambling premises visit, hackney rank checks, notice checked and Holmfirth Observation.
14th December 2024	Invoice Enforcement	Visit to 7 premises to drop off unpaid invoices.
20th December 2024	Invoice Enforcement and Monitoring issues at problem premises	Visit to premises in North Kirklees for unpaid invoices and monitoring of problem premises in Holmfirth.
17th January 2025	Various matters	Premises licence checks, invoice enforcement and taxi enforcement.
24th January 2025	Various Checks	Premises licences Holmfirth, Plying for hire Private Hire vehicles, Rank assessment.
7th February 2025	Premises licence checks	Premises licence inspections across Kirklees.
7th February 2025	Vehicle Checks	15 vehicles inspected, 6 vehicle licenses suspended.
5th February 2025	Vehicle and Premises checks	Follow up on invoice enforcement and visit to all hackney ranks.
12th February 2025	Invoice Enforcement	Issued suspension letters to premises with unpaid invoices and visited ranks across Kirklees.
18th February 2025	Various checks throughout Kirklees	Blue notices checked, test purchase and rank visits across Dewsbury (including Asda)
21st February 2025	Vehicle Checks with police and DVSA	31 vehicles inspected, 14 rectification notices issued, and 4 vehicle licences suspended.
21st February 2025	Taxi Checks	Vehicle checks on hackney carriage ranks across Kirklees, plying for hire in Holmfirth.
28th February 2025	Invoice Enforcement	Focus on premises licence invoice enforcement, rank checks and vehicle checks also completed.
7th March 2025	Vehicle Checks	Focus on Ranks throughout Kirklees.
14th March 2025	Invoice Enforcement	Focus on premises licence invoice enforcement, rank

		checks and vehicle checks also completed.
19th March 2025	Invoice Enforcement	Focus on premises licence invoice enforcement, rank checks and vehicle checks also completed.
21st March 2025	Various Checks	Premises around Holmfirth, Rank checks, 2 private hire vehicle licence suspensions.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Council Plan

Kirklees Council's vision is to be a district which combines a strong, sustainable economy with a great quality of life – leading to thriving communities, growing businesses, high prosperity and low inequality where people enjoy better health throughout their lives. The licensing service plays a key role in both the nighttime economy within Kirklees and day to day activities within the borough.

3.2 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

3.3 Legal Implications

There are no legal issues.

3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

There are no climate change or air quality implications.

3.5 Other (eg Risk, Integrated Impact Assessment or Human Resources)

N/A

4. Consultation

4.1 This is an information only report, no consultation has been undertaken.

5. Engagement

5.1 This is an information only report and no engagement has been undertaken.

6. Options

6.1 Options considered

Members are asked to note the report.

6.2 Reasons for recommended option

This is an information only report.

7. Next steps and timelines

7.1 Not applicable – Information only report.

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9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

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10. Appendices

N/A

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