

**Committee and Date**Strategic Licensing  
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**EXERCISE OF DELEGATED POWERS****Responsible Officer**

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**Summary**

Licensing officers have delegated powers to issue or amend licences, providing no objections have been received. This report gives details of the issue of licences, or variations, that have been issued between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011 and also shows some comparative figures for the same period the previous year. The report also gives a summary of applications considered by committee.

**Recommendations**

That members agree the position as set out in the report.

**REPORT****Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal**

This is an information report giving Members information on the work undertaken by the Licensing team and Committee and therefore a risk assessment and opportunities appraisal has not been carried out.

**Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

**Background**

At the Strategic Licensing Committee meeting in March 2010 it was agreed that information regarding the issue of licences by Officers under delegated powers would be reported to Committee.

Delegated powers have been given to officers where a licence has been requested and there have been no objections raised by interested parties or

Responsible Authorities or the application has met the Council's policy criteria for accepting an application. In these cases the Licensing Authority has no alternative but to issue the licence.

The table in Appendix A shows the complete range of licences issued by the licensing team during the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011. Some comparative figures for the same period in 2010 have been included in brackets, so that members can note the increase in work load during this calendar year. This, as can be seen in the table, relates mainly to the influx of taxi and private hire driver and vehicle applications from outside the area.

It is worth noting that whilst the number of applications has increased, the number of staff in the team has reduced from 16.1 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) in 2010 to 11.3 FTE in 2011. The service has been reviewed to improve processes and efficiency.

With the increase in applications there have also been an additional number of referrals to Committee with the associated reports. A table is included in Appendix B showing the number of driver and vehicle applications addressed at the various committees in 2011.

The Licensing Act activities at Committee have also been given in Appendix C for this calendar year.

### **Additional Information**

Applications are being submitted for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles from outside the area along with the continuing influx of driver applications.

### **Conclusions**

Solutions are being sought to balance officer work load against budgetary constraints to maintain a responsive and efficient service for our customers.

<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>
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<b>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</b>
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Councillor Steve Charmley
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<b>Local Member</b>
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<b>Appendices</b>
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A – Licences Issued January 2011 – July 2011
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B – Number of Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Vehicle applications considered at the Licensing and Safety Sub-Committees from January 2011 to 10 August 2011
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C – Hearings held for licensed premises at the Licensing Act Sub-Committees January 2011 – August 2011
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## Appendix A

**Licences Issued January 2011 – July 2011**  
**(figures in brackets indicate the figure for the same period in 2010)**

Licence Type	Jan 2011 – July 2011
<b>GENERAL LICENSING</b>	
Acupuncture personal	2
Acupuncture premises	4
Animal Boarding	33
Animal Breeding	2
Caravan Sites	7
Earpiercing Personal	8
Earpiercing Premises	4
House to House Collection	47
Motor Salvage	1
Pet Shops	7
Riding Establishments	17
Scrap Metal Dealers	6
Sex Shop	2
Street Collection	94
Street Trading Consent	10
Tattooing Personal	10
Tattooing Premises	14
<b>Total General Licensing Applications</b>	<b>268</b>
<b>TAXI LICENSING</b>	
Hackney Carriage	284(72)
Joint Driver	809 (224)
Private Hire Operator	21
Private Hire Vehicle	354 (61)
<b>Total Taxi Licensing Applications</b>	<b>1468 (357)</b>
<b>LICENSING ACT 2003</b>	
Club Certificate with Alcohol	33
Club Machine Permit	11
Personal Alcohol	167
Premises Licence NO Alcohol	52
Premises Licence WITH Alcohol	486
Premises with Alcohol	36
Temporary Event Notice NO Alcohol	50
Temporary Event Notice WITH Alcohol	800
<b>Total Licensing Act 2003 Applications</b>	<b>1635</b>

<b>GAMBLING ACT 2005</b>	
Bingo premises licence	1
Betting premises licence	11
Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit	12
Notification of Intent to Have Gaming Machines	35
Occasional use Licence	7
Small Society Lotteries	400(67)
<b>Total Gambling Act 2005 Applications</b>	<b>466 (67)</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3837 (424)</b>

## Appendix B

Number of Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Vehicle applications considered at the Licensing and Safety Sub-Committees from January 2011 to August 2011

<b>Licensing &amp; Safety Sub-committees</b>	<b>HC/PH New Driver Application</b>	<b>PH Vehicle Licence</b>
January	4	0
February	6	0
March	41	0
April	20	0
May	12	0
June	38	2
July	37	1
August	31	0

**APPENDIX C**

Hearings held for licensed premises at the Licensing Act Sub-Committees. From 01.01.11 to 24.08.11

<b>Date</b>	<b>Premises</b>	<b>New Application</b>	<b>Variation Application</b>	<b>Review</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Bar 27, Bridgnorth		X	
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Zilan Kebab House, Market Drayton		X	
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Red Cow, Whitchurch		X	
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Bicton Barn, Clun	X		
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Sam's Bar, Butchers Row, Shrewsbury	x		
26 <sup>th</sup> April	The Crown, High Street, Bridgnorth		X	
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Personal Licence			
1 <sup>st</sup> June	The Wheatsheaf, Whitchurch		X	
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Stable Tavern, Ludlow		X	
6 <sup>th</sup> June	The Bull, Butcher's Row			X
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Sheriffhales Village Hall	X		
15 <sup>th</sup> August	Railway Inn, Shifnal			X
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Fox and Goose, Whitchurch			X
24 <sup>th</sup> August	The Libertine, Formerly known as Sam's Bar, Shrewsbury		X	