



Northumberland County Council

Licensing & Regulatory Committee

Wednesday 12 February 2025

Quarterly Activity Update

Report of Councillor	Councillor Gordon Stewart, Cabinet Member for Looking After our Communities
Responsible Officer	Graeme Binning, Chief Fire Officer and Director of Public Protection

1. Link to Key Priorities of the Corporate Plan

Administering and enforcing licensable activity cuts across all of the priorities included in the Council's Corporate Plan.

- It supports **Achieving Value for Money** by ensuring our licensing schemes work efficiently and deliver the best customer experience.
- It supports **Tackling Inequalities** by ensuring our licensing schemes are delivered taking into account the needs of our communities.
- It supports **Driving Economic Growth** by ensuring our licensing schemes meet the needs to support the County to prosper.

2. Purpose of report

Northumberland County Council has a statutory responsibility to administer and enforce various licensing schemes in its local area.

This report provides Licensing and Regulation Committee with an update on licences determined over the last Quarter by Subcommittee and delegated officers.

3. Recommendations

Committee is recommended to consider and note the information contained in this report.

4. **Forward plan date and reason for urgency if applicable**

Not applicable.

5. **Background**

5.1 Introduction

Northumberland County Council ('the Authority') is responsible for administering and enforcing various licensing schemes in place covering the local area. The Authority's Constitution has established the Licensing and Regulatory Committee ('the Committee') and has delegated a number of powers to it.

The Committee is therefore responsible for oversight of licensing matters relating to a wide range of business sectors. For example, licensing schemes covering trading activity involving; the keeping of animals, street trading, tattooists and taxi and private hire.

The terms of reference of the Committee and its powers have previously been discussed in detail with members.

5.2 Looking back over previous months

At recent meetings Committee has received information outlining licences that had been granted and reviewed looking back over the previous Quarter of the financial year.

This has been well received and it was agreed as part of the development of a work programme framework such information would be presented regularly to provide Committee with oversight of the licensing schemes it has responsibility for.

Included in the **Appendix** to this report is a look back over the last Quarter (October to December 2024) on licences determined by sub-committee and delegated officers.

5.3 Consideration by Committee

Committee is invited to consider the information presented.

6. **Options open to Committee and reasons for the recommendations**

6.1 The recommendation at section 3 of this report invites Committee to consider and note the contents of the report.

- 6.2 Committee can make supplementary suggestions as it deems appropriate to enable it to meet the responsibilities delegated to it.

7. Implications

Policy	There are no policy implications arising directly from this report.
Finance and value for money	There are no financial implications arising directly from the report.
Legal	There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.
Procurement	There are no procurement implications arising directly from this report.
Human resources	There are no human resources implications arising directly from this report.
Property	There are no property implications arising directly from this report.
The Equalities Act: is a full impact assessment required and attached?	Not required. Assessing compliance with the Authority’s public equality duty is considered specifically in relation to the administration and enforcement of each licensing scheme.
Risk assessment	Risks associated with administering and enforcing each of the licensing schemes are managed and monitored through the corporately adopted risk management framework and within the Public Protection Service.
Crime and disorder	There are no crime and disorder issues arising directly from this report. A key objective of each licensing scheme is to prevent crime and promote public safety.
Customer considerations	There are no customer consideration implications directly arising from this report.

Carbon reduction	There are no carbon reduction implications arising directly from this report.
Health and wellbeing	There are no health and wellbeing implications arising directly from this report.
Wards	All Wards

8. **Background papers**

Appendix: Quarterly activity report, October – December 2024

9. **Links to other key reports already published**

Not applicable

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