



Northumberland County Council

Licensing 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**

Administrating 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 in its local area to administer and enforce specified licensable activity falling within the scope of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005.

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

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 specified licensable activity in its local area under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005.

The Licensing Committee ('the Committee') has been established to discharge those regulatory functions, except for those functions reserved to full Council.

5.2 Looking back over the current financial year

Included within the **Appendix** to this report is a look back over the last Quarter of the financial year on licensing activity undertaken, specifically those licences determined by Subcommittee and delegated officers.

5.3 Consideration by the Committee

Committee is invited to consider the information presented.

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

6.1 The recommendations at section 3 of this report invite Committee to consider and note the information provided.

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

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 arising directly 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 1: Activity report, October 2024 - December 2024

9. Links to other key reports already published

Not applicable

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