

## Update on the Licensing Service: September 2019

To update the Committee on the work of the Licensing Team in 2019.

Since the introduction of the new Animal Welfare Regulations in October, which was replaced by a number of outdated animal welfare legislation; all existing licences have now been inspected and granted giving star ratings to these premises as outlined in the new regulations.

There have also been many new animal activity applications submitted due to the changes, especially for Dog Breeding and Exhibition of Animals.

<b>Animal Activity</b>	<b>Number of Premises Licensed</b>	<b>Number of premises &amp; Star Rating awarded</b>	
Catteries	<b>26</b>	1 Star	2
		2 Star	3
		3 Star	4
		4 Star	0
		5 Star	17
Dog Breeding	<b>17</b>	1 Star	1
		2 Star	5
		3 Star	2
		4 Star	3
		5 Star	6
Dog Day Care	<b>8</b>	1 Star	0
		2 Star	0
		3 Star	1
		4 Star	0
		5 Star	7
Exhibition of Animals	<b>12</b>	Not Star Rated (3 year licence)	
Hiring out Horses	<b>14</b>	1 Star	1
		2 Star	2
		3 Star	2
		4 Star	1
		5 Star	8
Home Boarding for Dogs	<b>117</b>	1 Star	3
		2 Star	28
		3 Star	22
		4 Star	20
		5 Star	44
Arrangers	<b>6</b>	Various of star rating depending on the host carer	

Kennels	25	1 Star	4
		2 Star	4
		3 Star	4
		4 Star	1
		5 Star	5
Pet Shops	20	1 Star	1
		2 Star	1
		3 Star	7
		4 Star	0
		5 Star	5

All licensed premises issued under the new Animal Welfare Regulations 2018 can be viewed on the public register on the Wiltshire Council website <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/licences-permits-animal>

All Licensing Officers are now currently undertaking unannounced inspections to all the higher risk premises awarded a 1 and 2 star rating. On a few of these inspections, visits are discovering issues and concerns, which in turn are leading to further enforcement such as warnings, suspensions and possible revocations.

As part of the new regulations, all inspectors must be suitably qualified by October 2021 to carry out animal activity inspections; in August three licensing officers attended a five day residential course for professional programme in inspecting licensable activities involving animals. This course was carried out in London by The Pet Industry Federation to enable them to achieve a level 3 certificate or equivalent, by a body recognised and regulated by the Officer of Qualifications and Examinations Regulations.

Officers have also been proactive with investigating possible unlicensed Dog Breeders and Pet Shops by requesting Data Access from outside agencies advertising pets for sale such as Gumtree, Pets4Homes and Pre-Loved. Information provided to us, enables the team to build a bigger picture of businesses selling puppies without the appropriate licence.

### **Festivals and large scale events**

Due to being a rural county with lots of large outdoor spaces, Wiltshire is a popular venue for festivals and other large scale events. Prevention of harm is a key element when planning an event; Licensing Officers are involved in considerable pre event work guiding organisers in managing their own event to lessen the impact on the local community and emergency services of Wiltshire. By early intervention and positive engagement we seek to guide and educate organisers around managing alcohol consumption levels, drug prevention, antisocial behaviour, and the wellbeing of all at events.

Some events are supported through the Event Safety Advisory Group (ESAG). This is a forum where the organisers of events meet with the responsible authorities including the emergency services to discuss details of the event and any potential issues, and are offered multi-agency advice. The aim of these meetings is to promote well-run, safe events in Wiltshire.

Some of our high profile events include, Chalke Valley History Society in Broad Chalke in June, WOMAD at Charlton Park in July. A three day Armed Forces event and the OVO cycle race both in Salisbury have both triggered ESAG meetings.

In 2018 there were over 55 festivals and events in Wiltshire. Many of these will be held again this year along with a number of new events planned.

### **Partnership Working**

As the summer months have drawn near, this means an increased number of alcohol licensed premises making use of the beer gardens; which increases more outdoor events in these areas.

The Licensing Team have undertaken several joint visits to licensed premises with officers from the Noise Team due to receiving many noise complaints from increased activity.

### **Licensing Applications**

To give the Committee an update on the work of the Licensing Team, the table below details some the licensing applications in the 2018 and 2019 calendar years

#### **Licence Applications: 2018 / 2019**

Year comparison	2017	2018	2019
Temporary Events Notices	1703	1715	1718
Late Temporary Events Notices	395	448	453
Licensing Applications ( New /variation/minor variation/Variation of DPS/Transfer)	1171	1145	981
Personal Licences	338	295	303
Lotteries/Renewals	534	536	460
Gambling Permits (Gaming Machines)	28	31	26

### **Hearings**

Last year we have held 12 licensing hearings. To date in 2019, 7 hearings have been held.

One of the hearings this year was for a review of a premises licence in Salisbury made by Wiltshire Police. The grounds for review were that the premises have been conducted in such a manner as to prejudice the Licensing Objectives; The Prevention of Crime & Disorder, The Protection of Children from Harm and Public Safety.

After hearing all the evidence provided by all parties, the Licensing Sub Committee decided to revoke the licence.

### **Gambling Act 2005**

The Gaming Machine (Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocation) Regulations 2018 were made on the 20th December 2018 and come into force on the 1st April 2019.

The widely publicised changes will see the maximum permitted stake for category B2 gaming machines (Fixed Odds Betting Terminals) reduced from £100 to £2.

## Guidance aimed at protecting children and young people

The Committee of Advertising Practice issued revised guidance on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

The aim is to assist advertisers' agencies and media owners with their interpretation of the Committee of Advertising Practice (CAP) and the Broadcast Committee of Advertising Practice (BCAP) gambling rules (Codes), as they relate to the protection of children and young people.

*It applies to marketing communications appearing in all media, including online channels such as social media.*

The revised guidance will come into force on 1st April 2019 and supports the Advertising Codes, which require that marketers take all reasonable steps to:

- Ensure that advertising is not targeted at under-18's, either through the selection of media or the advertisement's content; and
- Prevent advertising being directed at adult audiences posing a risk to under-18.

The revised guidance provides greater detail on the approaches that are likely to be considered unacceptable by the Advertising Standards Authority in individual marketing communications.

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