REPORT TO: Licensing Committee

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SUBJECT: Forward Work Programme 2024

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To advise Members of the priorities of the Licensing Section, together with an update on the agreed work programme for the Licensing Committee for 2024.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The priorities of the Licensing Section reflect the duty placed on the Authority in relation to its responsibilities in relation to its licensing function, and the effective regulation, control and enforcement of Licensees, and the Authority's commitment to safer communities and the development of the economy.
- A proposed Forward Work Programme is attached, at Appendix 1, for Members to consider and approve.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 In drafting this Forward Work Programme, Officers have considered the policies relevant to the Licensing committee and the review dates of those policies along with any potential legislative changes being proposed by Welsh and Central Government.
- 3.2 As Welsh Government are still working on the White Paper; Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle (PHV)(Wales) Bill and it is not known when this piece of work will be completed, there is no reference to this on the attached Forward Work Programme, however, once the outcome of this piece of work is known, a report will be presented to Members.

3.3 A revised Forward Work Programme can be found at Appendix A.

4. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 It is recommended that Members note the contents of the report, and
- 4.2 It is further recommended that Members consider and approve the Forward Work Programme detailed at Appendix A for 2024.