

REPORT TO:	Licensing Committee
DATE:	11 th September 2024
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SUBJECT:	Forward Work Programme 2024/25

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.2 To advise Members of the priorities of the Licensing Section, together with an update on the agreed work programme for the Licensing Committee for 2024/25.

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.
- 2.2 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 The following items were scheduled for consideration by Members at this meeting, but due to various matters they have now been removed or rescheduled:
- i. **Hackney Carriage Tariff** – a report was scheduled to update Members following the review of the methodology calculator,

however, at the last meeting in June 2024 it was resolved by Members that the existing hackney carriage tariff would remain the same and a further report be presented to Members in June 2025.

- ii. **Special Procedures** – an update report on the new legislation was also scheduled, however, there is nothing to report at this point since the last update.
- iii. **Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles** – a further report was due to be presented to Members to update following the results of the consultation with licence holders. However, the consultation has only recently opened therefore it is proposed that a report will be presented to Members early next year on the consultation findings.

3.3 A revised Forward Work Programme can be found at Appendix A to include the above matters.

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 updated Forward Work Programme detailed at Appendix A for 2024/25.