

# Report to Licensing Committee

**Date of meeting:** 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022



**Epping Forest  
District Council**

**Subject:** Taxi Licence Statistics

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**Committee Secretary:** Adrian Hendry

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**Recommendations:** For Information

## Background

At October Licensing Committee Councillor Sartin requested details of taxi driver statistics during Covid. Licences are granted for a 3-year period and details are listed below for comparison.

### Financial Year 2020/21

	New Applications	Renewal	Licences Surrendered
01 April 2020	0	0	2
May	1	0	1
June	0	0	1
July	0	6	1
August	0	5	1
September	0	4	1
October	0	2	2
November	0	3	0
December	0	0	1
January	0	2	0
February	0	2	2
31 March 2021	3	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13</b>

### Financial Year 2021/22

	New Applications	Renewal	Licences Surrendered
01 April 2021	1	2	2
May	0	1	2
June	1	2	3
July	1	0	4
August	0	0	1
September	2	1	2
October	0	26	1
November	0	22	2
December	0	24	7
January	0	25	2

February	1	20	3
31 March 2022	0	7	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 (50% increase)</b>	<b>130 (420% increase)</b>	<b>30 (130% increase)</b>

The figures show a significant increase in the number of licences surrendered and a slight increase in new applications between the financial years 2020/21 & 2021/22. Whilst the number of renewals has increased substantially between the two periods, the Licensing Committee is advised that licences are issued for a 3-year period, therefore this variation year on year is expected.

Currently there are 212 taxi drivers licensed by Epping Forest District Council however, the Committee should note that this does not necessarily mean that all 212 licence holders are active. A number of these drivers may no longer be active but have not surrendered their licence.

The figures show that since April 2020, 43 drivers have surrendered their licence resulting in a 17% overall reduction.