

Licensing Chairs report to full Council 27th November 2013

On the 28th February 2013 the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 received Royal Assent and took effect on the 1st October 2013.

The 2013 Act replaces the 1964 Scrap Metal Dealers Act which required the Council to register anyone who notified it that they were operating as a scrap metal dealer.

Under the 2013 Act for anyone to carry on a business as a scrap metal dealer must have a licence which will last for three years, to trade without a licence is a criminal offence.

There are two types of licence (a) Site Licence (b) Collectors Licence and under the new legislation the Council will be able to refuse to grant a licence where the applicant is judged not to be a suitable person to operate as a scrap metal dealer.

The 2013 Act requires the Council to set appropriate application fees.

When setting a fee the Council must take into account the Home Office Guidance and the EU Services Directive of 2009 which states that a licence fee can only be used to pay for the cost associated with the licensing process.

On the 26th September 2013 the Licensing Committee agreed to set the Scrap Metal Dealers licence fees at £150 for a Collectors licence and £200 for a Site Licence.

Future Sub-Committee meetings.

3rd Dec. 10am ASDA, Morris Square, variation to Premise Licence.

4th Dec. 10am Yates, Ironmarket, Premise Licence review.

10th Dec. 10am Thistleberry Hotel Premise Licence review.

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