

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee

Date **05 October 2023**

Report of: **Head of Environmental Health**

Subject: **UPDATE ON THE IMPLMENTATION OF THE USE OF THE
NATIONAL DATABASE OF REFUSALS AND REVOCATIONS
(NR3)**

SUMMARY

The Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee agreed at the meeting of Monday 25 July 2022 to introduce the usage of the National Database of Refusals and Revocations (NR3) for taxi and private hire drivers.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Committee note the contents of the report.

INTRODUCTION

1. The previously named NR3 (National register of Refusals and Revocations), was rebranded as NR3S (National Register for Revocations, Refusals and Suspensions) in April 2023. This change contains provisions that require licensing authorities to record information relating to drivers' licensing histories onto the National Register.
2. The Licensing Department have been using this database to search and record applicants and licence holders since January 2023.

SEARCHING NR3S

3. The Licensing Team have carried out 87 searches of the NR3S database, of which, 2 have returned a record of a revocation, refusal, or suspension.
4. Where an applicant shows a return on the system, this is referred to our Licensing Officers who contact the authority who logged the record on NR3S. Once the application is complete and ready for determination, it is referred to the Licensing Panel for that determination. Each application has to be judged on its own merit and the Panel will consider the circumstances around the other authority's decision and decide if the individual is a fit and proper person to become a licensed driver with Fareham.
5. The Licensing Panel have met 1 applicant who was seeking to become a license holder with Fareham Borough Council who returned a record on the NR3S database (dishonesty). This application was refused.
6. The second applicant who has appeared on the NR3S database has not completed their application, when they do, they will be referred to the Licensing Panel.

RECORDS ENTERED IN NR3S

7. In addition to the above, the Licensing Officers have refused 2 applications (dishonesty) and the Licensing Panel have refused 1 application (prosecution) since the implementation of NR3S. These three refusals appear on the database.
8. The Licensing Officers have revoked 0 licences, but should they do so, these would appear on the NR3S database.
9. The Licensing Officers have suspended 0 licences, but should they do so, these would be expected to appear on the NR3S database.

RISK ASSESSMENT

10. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report

CONCLUSION

11. By implementing the committee's resolution to use NR3S, this further enhances public safety.

Background Papers: None

Reference Papers: None

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