

Annex 2.2

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL TRADING STANDARDS MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Vehicles (Crime) Act 2001 – Statistics/information relating to the initial three year period of administration by Kent County Council

Area	Registered	Refused	Revoked	Minded to Refuse	TOTAL	Fees	Co Searches/ Finance Checks	Remaining Resources
Ashford	7				7	£320	£232	£88
Canterbury	2				2	£120	£74	£46
Dartford	4	1			5	£212	£141	£71
Dover	4	1			5	£250	£229	£21
Gravesend	7	1	1		9	£394	£221	£173
Maidstone	5				5	£270	£182	£88
Sevenoaks	1			1	2	£83	£45	£38
Shepway	1	1			2	£110	£79	£31
Swale	7				7	£363	£232	£131
Thanet	7				7	£310	£196	£114
T&M	3	1			4	£193	£179	£14
T Wells	7		1		8	£417	£349	£68
TOTALS	55	5	2	1	63	£3042	£2159	£883

As you will appreciate from the above, the amount received in fees has been far outweighed by the resources necessary to administer this Act on behalf of the 12 District/Borough Councils.

In addition to the costs incurred in respect of Company Searches and Finance Checks on the applicants, five representations were made resulting in correspondence and lengthy formal meetings between the Head and Assistant Head of Trading Standards.

One applicant appealed to the Magistrates Court and was refused.

Another applicant is due to attend a meeting with the Head and Assistant Head of Trading Standards in the very near future and is likely to proceed to an appeal at the Magistrates Court.

Our partners may be interested in viewing: <http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk/mso04.htm>

The link takes you direct to that part of the Home Office website which has 4 case studies (including Kent) of good practice.

I should point out that, whilst the site was last updated in October 2004, there have been no significant changes.