

GENERAL PURPOSES LICENSING COMMITTEE

**Tuesday 17th July 2007
in the Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford.**

This meeting will follow immediately after the Licensing and Gambling Act Committee, which starts at 9.30am. It is anticipated that General Purposes Licensing is unlikely to start before 10am.

A G E N D A

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Guidance note (circulated, page C).

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the following meetings are attached at page 4.1:-

- (1) General Purposes Licensing Committee held on 29th March 2007;
- (2) General Purposes Licensing Committee held on 10th May 2007.

4. STREET TRADING - EXTENSION OF HOURS

Report of the Environmental Health Business Manager (attached at page 4.1)

The Committee is recommended to resolve to:-

(1) Either :-

- (a) Confirm that the current finish time for evening street trading consents should remain at 3.00am, or;
- (b) Extend the trading hours of evening street traders beyond the current 3.00am finish time. Committee to determine to what time and on what days of the week, or;

(c) Authorise the Environmental Health Business Manager to carry out a period of consultation with a view to extending the trading hours of evening street trading consents beyond the current 3.00am finish time.

(2) To determine what action to take, against those traders observed to be trading well beyond the currently permitted 3.00am finish time.

(3) If resolving to increase trading hours, to recommend an increase in street trading fees for evening street traders to cover any additional enforcement costs to ensure rigid compliance with the requirements of the street trading conditions.

5. DAWSON STREET – RECLASSIFICATION AS A CONSENT STREET.

Report of the Environmental Health Business Manager (attached at page 5.1)

The Committee is recommended to:-

(1) Consider the merits of re-designating Dawson Street as a “Consent” Street from a “Prohibited” Street for the purposes of the Street Trading Scheme, and if minded to do so;

(2) Authorise the Environmental Health Business Manager to carry out the required consultation prior to the Council making a formal resolution in favour of a redesignation.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

12th September 2007 (if sufficient business to warrant holding a meeting)
24th October 2007
16th January 2008
8th May 2008

Any enquiries on this agenda should be addressed to:-

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DECLARING INTERESTS

What is a personal interest?

You have a personal interest in a matter if that matter affects the well-being or financial position of you, your relatives or people with whom you have a close association more than it would affect the majority of other people in the ward(s) to which the matter relates.

A personal interest can affect you, your relatives or people with whom you have a close personal association positively or negatively. If you or they would stand to gain or lose by the decision, you should also declare it.

You also have a personal interest in a matter if it relates to any interest, which you must register.

What do I need to do if I have a personal interest?

You must declare it when you get to the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you. You may still speak and vote unless it is a prejudicial interest.

If a matter affects a body to which you have been appointed by the authority, or a body exercising functions of a public nature, you only need declare the interest if you are going to speak on the matter.

What is a prejudicial interest?

You have a prejudicial interest in a matter if;

- a) a member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think your personal interest is so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interest; and
- b) the matter affects your financial interests or relates to a licensing or regulatory matter; and
- c) the interest does not fall within one of the exempt categories at paragraph 10(2)(c) of the Code of Conduct.

What do I need to do if I have a prejudicial interest?

You must withdraw from the meeting. However, under paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct, if members of the public are allowed to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about that matter, you may also make representations as if you were a member of the public. However, you must withdraw from the meeting once you have made your representations and before any debate starts.