

# **GENERAL PURPOSES LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2007  
at 10 am in the Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford.**

## **A G E N D A**

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Guidance note (circulated, page D.

**3. MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Licensing Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007 attached at page 3.1.

**4. STREET TRADING ENFORCEMENT SERVICE.**

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

The General Purposes Licensing Committee is recommended to:-

- (1) Decide whether or not to support an increase in the number of street trading sites;
- (2) Agree an increase of either:-
  - (a) £815 per annum in street trading fees to fund full time 5 day per week (weekday) enforcement resources;
  - (b) £1304 per annum in street trading fees to fund full time 6 day per week (weekday plus Saturdays) enforcement resources;
  - (c) £1965 per annum in street trading fees to fund full time 7 day per week enforcement resources.

- (3) Decide whether to support a move towards an alternative means of allocating consent sites by way of an annual random draw or other method;
- (4) Decide whether it supports the process of obtaining a local Act of Parliament to strengthen the powers in relation to unlawful street trading.

**5. OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED ADDITIONAL TRADING HOURS FOR HOT FOOD.**

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

The Committee is recommended:-

- (1) To extend the hours for evening street trading to end at 4am on Friday and Saturday nights for a six month period;
- (2) Subject to the above, to determine what action is to be taken against those traders who have been observed to be trading well beyond the currently permitted 3am finish time.

**5A HACKNEY CARRIAGE REVIEW – OUTCOME OF ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY REVIEW.**

Report attached at page 5A.1

**6. DELEGATED POWERS – SUSPENSION OF LICENCE**

Report of the Transport and Parking Business Manager (attached at page 6.1)

The Committee is recommended to consider the report and approve the change to the powers and duties of the Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Licensing Sub Committee set out in Appendix 1.

**7. DELEGATED POWERS – GRANT EXEMPTION FOR TINTED WINDOWS.**

Report of the Transport and Parking Business Manager (attached at page 7.1)

The Committee is recommended to vary the Private Hire Vehicle Criteria in order to enable the Transport and Parking Business Manager, at his discretion, to approve the exemption of certain vehicles from the requirements of the Criteria in respect of the light transmission of any window.

## **8. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ALLIANCE DRIVERS**

Report of the Transport and Parking Business Manager (attached at page 8.1).

The Committee is recommended to approve the amendment to the Conditions to new applicants for private hire and hackney carriage driving licences.

## **9. HACKNEY FARES – APPLICATION FOR INCREASE FOR 2008**

Report of the Transport and Parking Business Manager (attached at page 9.1).

The Committee is recommended to:-

- (1) Agree the variation to the hackney carriage tariff in accordance with the application submitted by the City of Oxford Licensed Taxicab Association;
- (2) Note that the proposed variation is subject to a period of public consultation;
- (3) Authorise the Legal and Democratic Services Business manager to carry out the statutory process of consultation needed to vary hackney carriage fares.

## **10. MEDICAL REPORTS**

Report of the Transport and Parking Business Manager (attached at page 10.1)

The Committee is recommended to approve the amendment to the conditions related to the medical examinations of applicants for private hire and hackney carriage driving licences.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

15<sup>th</sup> May 2008 (to appoint the Committee's Sub Committee only)

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.