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General Purposes Licensing Committee

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Place: **Oxford Town Hall**

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General Purposes Licensing Committee

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PART ONE
PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE****2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors serving on the Committee are asked to declare any personal or personal prejudicial interests they may have in any of the following agenda items.

3. HACKNEY CARRIAGE UNMET DEMAND SURVEY

Contact Officer: Jill Cramer, Tel: 01865 252115, E-mail:
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The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report which details the results of the unmet demand survey that was carried out between October and December 2009.

The Committee is asked:

- (a) To agree to accept the conclusions of the Hackney Carriage Demand survey Report prepared by Halcrow Group Limited, that there is currently no significant unmet demand for hackney carriages;
- (b) To agree to advise Council that, having considered the report of the Halcrow Group Limited, the Committee is satisfied that there is currently no significant unmet demand for services of hackney carriages and to recommend Council resolved to maintain the Council's policy of quantity control on the number of hackney carriage licences;
- (c) To agree that a further demand survey should be commissioned in 2012.

4. UPDATE ON TAXI LICENSING ACTIVITY APRIL 2009-MARCH 2010

Contact Officer: Julian Alison, Tel: 01865 252381, E-mail:
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The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report which informs the Committee of the progress made by the Taxi Licensing Function between April 2009 and March 2010.

The Committee is asked:

- (a) To note the contents of the report;
- (b) To make comments and recommendations regarding the future work of the Taxi Licensing Function.

5. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE CRITERIA

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The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report, the purpose of which is to review, amend and update the criteria for licensed vehicles.

The Committee is asked:

- (a) To note the contents of the report;
- (b) To agree to adopt the amended criteria for private hire vehicles as set out in Appendix One to the report;
- (c) To agree to reduce the minimum engine size of a licensed private hire vehicle to 1375cc;
- (d) To decide not to change the criteria allowing a vehicle to carry less than 4 passengers;
- (e) To decide not to remove the requirement of the removal of a seat in vehicles that carry more than 4 passengers;
- (f) To agree to adopt the amendments to the criteria for hackney carriages as outlined in paragraph 30;
- (g) To agree to amend the criteria for first aid kits, for both private hire and hackney carriage vehicles, as set out in paragraph 21 of Appendix One to the report.

6. APPOINTMENT OF NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE STANDS AT LONDON ROAD HEADINGTON

Contact Officer: Jill Cramer, Tel: 01865 252115, E-mail: jcramer@oxford.gov.uk

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report, the purpose of which is to appoint two new hackney carriage stands on London Road, Headington.

The Committee is asked to:

- (a) Approve two new stands for one hackney carriage on each stand on London Road, Headington as shown in the plans attached as Appendix One to the report;
- (b) To remove the adoption of the current stand on London Road, Headington.

7. PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR MORTON FOR STREET TRADING IN DAWSON STREET, COWLEY ROAD AND CIRCUS STREET

Contact Officer: Andrew Thomson, Tel: 01865 252558, E-mail: amthomson@oxford.gov.uk

The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report which responds to a proposal made by Councillor Morton concerning Dawson Street, Cowley Road and Circus Street.

The Committee is asked:

- (a) To note the report;
- (b) To agree to introduce new categories of weekend and single days consents for street trading on Dawson Street;
- (c) To agree a fee of £75 for a weekend consent and £50 for a single day consent.

8. REVIEW OF SEX SHOP LICENCE FEE

Contact Officer: Julian Alison, Tel: 01865 252381, E-mail: jalison@oxford.gov.uk

The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report, the purpose of which is to review the fee charged for the grant/renewal/transfer of sex shop licence.

The Committee is asked to request the Head of Environmental Development to submit a further report to the next General Purposes Licensing Committee, providing details of the costs to administer and enforce such establishments, in order to determine an appropriate fee.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee will meet on the following dates:

Wednesday 13th October 2010

Tuesday 1st March 2011

DECLARING INTERESTS

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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 personal association more than it would affect the majority of other people in the ward(s) to which the matter relates.

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

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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?

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