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General Purposes Licensing Committee

Date: **Wednesday 17 October 2012**

Time: **To Follow the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee**

Place: **Oxford Town Hall**

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General Purposes Licensing Committee

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	Councillor John Goddard	Wolvercote;
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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

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2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3 UPDATE ON TAXI LICENSING ACTIVITY APRIL 20112 - AUGUST 2012

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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 2012 and August 2012.

The Committee is asked:

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

4 REQUEST TO LICENCE ELECTRICALLY ASSISTED PASSENGER CARRYING PEDICABS IN THE CITY

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The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report which requests the Committee to consider a request to license electrically assisted passenger carrying Pedicabs.

The Committee is asked to comment on whether further consideration should be given to the licensing of electrically assisted passenger carrying Velotaxi in the City and to pass any comments to the City Executive Board for consideration at its meeting on 5th December 2012.

5 HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF - APPLICATION FOR INCREASE

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The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report which asks the Committee to consider a request for a Hackney Carriage Tariff increase from the City of Oxford Licensed Taxicab Association (COLTA).

The Committee is asked:

- (a) To consider the request from the City of Oxford Licensed Taxicab

Association for an increase in the Hackney Carriage tariff in accordance with the information contained within the report;

- (b) To request the Head of Environmental Development and the Head of Law and Governance to carry out the statutory requirement of a public consultation.

6 TAXI LICENSING CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

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The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report which informs the Committee of the results of the Taxi Licensing Customer Satisfaction Survey.

The Committee is asked to note the report.

7 MINUTES

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Minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2012.

8 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee will meet on the following dates at the Town Hall:

Tuesday 19th February 2013

DECLARING INTERESTS

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¹ Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those of the member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.

