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General Purposes Licensing Committee

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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 Mary Clarkson	Marston;
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	Councillor John Goddard	Wolvercote;
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AGENDA

Pages

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

The Quorum for this meeting is 4.

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 SEPTEMBER 2012 - DECEMBER 2012

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The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report, the purpose of which is to inform Committee of the progress made by the Taxi Licensing Function between September 2012 and December 2012.

The Committee is asked:

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

4 HACKNEY CARRIAGE - APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF TARIFFS

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The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report the purpose of which is to consider a request for a variation of the Hackney Carriage Tariffs from the City of Oxford Licensed Taxicab Association (COLTA)

The Committee is asked:

- (1) To consider the request from the City of Oxford Licensed Taxicab Association for a variation to the Hackney Carriage Tariffs in accordance with the information contained within this report;
- (2) To consider an alternative variation to the Hackney Carriage Tariffs in accordance with the information supplied by the Licensing Officer and contained within this report; and subject to any decision in relation to items (i) and ii)
- (3) To request the Head of Environmental Development produce a revised Hackney Carriage Tariffs Chart for the approval of the Chair and Vice-Chair; and subject to this approval
- (4) To request that the Head of Environmental Development and the

Head of Law and Governance carry out the statutory requirement of a public consultation and delegate to the Chair and the Head of Environmental Development to consider any responses to the consultation; and

- (5) To consider the request from the City of Oxford Licensed Taxicab Association for the display of the Oxford City Council logo on a Notice to be placed within all licensed hackney carriages, detailing that the fare for a journey that terminates outside of the City boundary may be charged on the taximeter at Tariff Three.

5 LICENCE FEES 2013-14

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The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report the purpose of which is to seek agreement of the licence fees for 2013/14 where the Council has discretion over the level of fee charged.

The Committee is asked:

- (a) To note the licence fees set by statute;
- (b) To agree the other licence fees for 2013/14 as set out in the Appendix.

6 UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS LICENSING ACTIVITY MAY 2012 - DECEMBER 2012

45 - 50

The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report the purpose of which is to inform Committee of the progress made by the Miscellaneous Licensing Function between May 2012 – December 2012 and future developments.

The Committee is asked

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

7 MINUTES

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Minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2012.

8 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

DECLARING INTERESTS

General duty

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your employment; sponsorship (ie payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licences for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

Declaring an interest

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest.

If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members' Code of Conduct and public perception

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member "must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself" and that "you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned". What this means is that the matter of interests must be viewed within the context of the Code as a whole and regard should continue to be paid to the perception of the public.

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.

