### **GENERAL PURPOSES LICENSING COMMITTEE**

# Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in the Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford

This meeting will follow immediately after the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee, which starts at 5.00 pm. It is anticipated that General Purposes Licensing is unlikely to start before 5.30 pm

Members of the General Purposes Licensing Committee:-

Councillors Sareva (Chair), Cook (Vice Chair), Brundin, Darke, Goddard, Humberstone, Keen, Lygo, Rundle and Williams

### AGENDA

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A guidance note is circulated on page D of this agenda.

### 3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 (circulated, page 3.1)

#### 4. APPOINTMENT OF NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE STAND – HIGH STREET.

Report (circulated, page 4.1) of the Head of Environmental Development

The Committee is asked to approve the stand for two hackney carriages on the High Street, west of Turl Street.

## 5. AMENDMENT TO PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE FEES

Report (circulated, page 5.1) of the Head of Environmental Development

The Committee is asked to:-

- (1) Endorse the amendments to current licensing arrangements to enable a licence to be transferred from one vehicle to another;
- (2) Approve the amendments to the licence fees required as a result of the above amendment.

### 6. AMENDMENT TO THE CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCES.

Report (circulated, page 6.1) of the Head of Environmental Development

The Committee is asked to accept the recommendation in the report to amend the conditions attached to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle driver's licences, and add the condition that is a licensed driver accepts a caution from a police force; they inform the Council within 7 days.

### 7. REVIEW OF STREET TRADING SCHEME – UPDATE

Report (circulated, page 7.1) of the Head of Environmental Development

The Committee is requested to agree:-

- (1) The draft Street Trading Policy based on the document appended to this report, and give approval for more widespread consultation;
- (2) To seek views on the principle of changing the designation of streets in all or part of the City centre to Consent Streets;
- (3) To seek views on the principle of a new approach for street trading in the northern part of St Ebbe's Street;
- (4) To consult on the above proposals.

### 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8<sup>th</sup> February 2009

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### **DECLARING INTERESTS**

### What is a personal interest?

You have a personal interest in a matter if that matter affects the wellbeing 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.