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General Purposes Licensing Committee

Date: **Thursday 5 September 2013**

Time: **5.30 pm**

Place: **Oxford Town Hall**

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General Purposes Licensing Committee

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PART ONE PUBLIC BUSINESS

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 UPDATE ON TAXI LICENSING ACTIVITY APRIL 2013 - JULY 2013

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The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report which details a report to inform the Committee of the progress made by the Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 between April 2013 and July 2013.

Officer recommendation: That the Committee NOTE the contents of the report; and makes any comments and recommendations regarding the future work of the Licensing Function.

4 HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES: RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION ON EURO EMISSION STANDARD LEVELS & VEHICLE AGE LIMITS

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The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report which seeks the implementation of an upper age limit for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles to reduce carbon emissions and improve vehicle safety in the City.

Officer recommendation: The Committee is recommended to:

- I. note the responses to the consultation held in relation to the proposal to implement age limits in relation to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles licensed by the Authority;
- II. determine (if any) appropriate age limits in relation to the licensing of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles; and
- III. recommend that such age limits be put to the City Executive Board and Full Council for adoption.

5 SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 2013

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The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report to inform the Committee of new legislation, approve any necessary changes to the Constitution and the setting of a licence fee for the administration and enforcement of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

Officer recommendation: The Committee is recommended to:

- i) note the content of this report;
- ii) authorise Head of Environmental Development and Head of Law and Governance to make any necessary changes to the Constitution consequent to the implementation of Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.
- iii) approve the licence fees applicable for the two types of Scrap Metal Dealers as detailed at Paragraph 34 of this report.

6 MINUTES

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Minutes from 21 May 2013

Recommendation: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2013 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.

7 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee NOTES the following future meeting date:

Tuesday 21st January 2014

DECLARING INTERESTS

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