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General Purposes Licensing Committee

Date: **Tuesday 21 January 2014**

Time: **Not before 5.30 pm**

Place: **Oxford Town Hall**

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General Purposes Licensing Committee

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	Councillor Van Coulter	Barton and Sandhills;
	Councillor John Goddard	Wolvercote;
	Councillor Rae Humberstone	Blackbird Leys;
	Councillor Ben Lloyd-Shogbesan	Lye Valley;
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AGENDA

Pages

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

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2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in any of the following agenda items. Guidance on this is set out at the end of these agenda pages.

3 UPDATE ON TAXI LICENSING ACTIVITY - AUGUST-DECEMBER 2013

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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 August 2013 and December 2013.

The Committee is asked:

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

4 HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENSED TRADE - APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF TARIFFS

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The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report which asks the Committee 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 to:

- (1) 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; and subject to any decision
- (2) 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.

5 COMMERCIAL EVENTS, HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE

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HIRE, ROAD CLOSURE ORDERS, SCRAP METAL DEALERS, SEX ESTABLISHMENTS AND STREET PARTIES: LICENCE FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE 2014/15 FINANCIAL YEAR

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The Committee is asked to agree the licence fees and charges for 2014/15 as set out in the Appendix to the report.

6 ACUPUNCTURE, EAR PIERCING, ELECTROLYSIS & TATTOOING, ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS, DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS, DOG BREEDING ESTABLISHMENTS, PAVEMENT CAFES, PET SHOPS, RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS, STREET TRADING CONSENTS, ZOOS, INTEGRATED POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL PERMITS: LICENCE FEES & CHARGES FOR THE 2014/15 FINANCIAL YEAR

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7 MINUTES

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Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2013.

8 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee will meet on the following dates:

Tuesday 10th June 2014

Tuesday 23rd September 2014

Tuesday 27th January 2015

Tuesday 19th May 2015

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.

