

# Agenda

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## General Purposes Licensing Committee

Date: **Wednesday 18 May 2016**

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Time: **5.15pm or on the rising of the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee, whichever is the later**

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Place: **Council Chamber, Town Hall**

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# General Purposes Licensing Committee

## Membership

## Chair

## Vice-Chair

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## AGENDA

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**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2016/17**

The Committee is asked to elect a Chair for the Council Year 2016/17

**3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2016/17**

The Committee is asked to elect a Vice Chair for the Council Year 2016/17

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**5 SUB-COMMITTEES FOR THE 2016-17 COUNCIL YEAR**

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The Head of Law and Governance has submitted a report which invites the Committee to establish Sub-Committees for the 2016-17 Council Year to deal with the casework flowing from the Committee's own responsibilities.

**Recommendations:** That the General Purposes Licensing Committee resolves to:

1. establish a Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Licensing Sub-Committee for the Council Year 2016-17, agree its powers and duties and appoint members to it on the basis of political balance;
2. establish a Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee for the Council Year 2016-17, agree its powers and duties and appoint members to it on the basis of political balance;
3. agree that substitution is permitted on the two sub-committees but that substitutes must be from the General Purposes Licensing Committee.

**6 UPDATE ON TAXI LICENSING ACTIVITY: COUNCIL YEAR 2015 - 2016**

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The Head of Community Services has submitted a report which informs the Committee of the progress made by the Taxi Licensing Function during the last Council year (April 2015 – March 2016).

**Recommendation:** That the General Purposes Licensing Committee resolves to:

1. note the contents of the report; and

2. make any comments and recommendations regarding the future work of the Taxi Licensing Function.

## 7 **POLICY ON HACKNEY CARRIAGE QUANTITY CONTROL – UNMET DEMAND SURVEY**

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The Head of Community Services has submitted a report which details the findings of the “Unmet Demand” survey that was carried out between 7 September 2015 and 20 December 2015.

**Recommendation(s):** That the General Purposes Licensing Committee resolves to:

1. agree to accept the conclusions of the Hackney Carriage “Unmet Demand” survey report prepared by CTS Traffic and Transportation that there is currently no significant unmet demand for Hackney Carriage Vehicles;
2. recommend to Council that there is currently no unmet demand for the services of Hackney Carriage Vehicles and to therefore resolve to maintain the Council’s Policy of Hackney Carriage Quantity Control and the current quota of 107 Hackney Carriage Vehicle licences; and
3. recommend to Council that a further “Unmet Demand” survey be commissioned in 2018, subject to any future changes to relevant legislation.

## 8 **MINUTES**

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Minutes from 26 January 2016

**Recommendation:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2016 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.

## 9 **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

To note the dates of future meetings scheduled on:

20 September 2016  
23 January 2017  
16 May 2017

The meetings are scheduled to start at 6.15 pm. This time may be changed with the agreement of the Committee and with reference to the scheduled start times for Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee which is 15 minutes before this Committee meets.

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### **What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?**

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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.

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