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General Purposes Licensing Committee

Date: **Tuesday 20 September 2016**

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

Place: **Council Chamber, Town Hall**

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General Purposes Licensing Committee

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Councillor Jamila Begum Azad

Councillor Farida Anwar

Councillor Ruthi Brandt

Councillor Van Coulter

Councillor Rae Humberstone

Councillor Tom Landell Mills

Councillor Ben Lloyd-Shogbesan

Councillor Elizabeth Wade

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AGENDA

	Pages
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
3	HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE: PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE LICENSING OF THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE TRADES IN LIGHT OF THE OXFORDSHIRE JOINT OPERATING FRAMEWORK FOR TAXI LICENSING. Purpose of report: to seek the approval of amendments to the criteria applicable to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire trades in order to promote safeguarding and awareness of safeguarding. The proposals that require the approval of this Committee and Council are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The introduction of Mandatory Safeguarding Awareness Training to be attended by all licensed drivers. • Requiring all drivers to sign up to the Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) Update Service. Recommendations: the Committee is recommended to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approve the proposed amendments to the criteria and conditions applicable to licensed drivers as detailed within this report; and 2. recommend the amendments to Council for adoption.
4	UPDATE ON TAXI LICENSING ACTIVITY: APRIL 2016 - JULY 2016 Purpose of report: to inform Committee of the progress made by the Taxi Licensing function during the current Council year (April 2016 – July 2016). The report covers data on service volumes; details of Taxi Licensing hearing decisions; decisions made under delegated powers; information on volumes of drivers and vehicles and enforcement activity. Recommendations: the Committee is recommended to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. note the contents of the report; and 2. make any comments and recommendations regarding the future work of the of the Taxi Licensing function.
5	MINUTES Recommendation: that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record.

6 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings are scheduled on:

23 January 2017 (Monday)

16 May 2017

Starting at 5.15pm or on the rising of the preceding meeting if this is later, or at such other time as agreed by the Chair.

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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.

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.

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