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General Purposes Licensing Committee

Date: **Wednesday 23 January 2019**

Time: **6.15 pm**

Place: **Council Chamber - Oxford Town Hall**

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General Purposes Licensing Committee

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Councillor Richard Howlett

Councillor Rae Humberstone

Councillor Tom Landell Mills

Councillor Mark Lygo

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Recommendation: That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.

4 **LICENSED VEHICLES EMISSION STANDARDS**

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The Head of Community Services has submitted a report to recommend introduction of emission standards for Hackney Carriage Vehicles and amend the vehicle age limit for Private Hire Vehicles licensed by this Authority.

Recommendations: That the General Purposes Licensing Committee resolves to:

1. **Approve** the recommended option for introduction of new emission standards for Hackney Carriage Vehicles licensed by this Authority;
2. **Approve** the recommended amendment to vehicle age criteria for licensing of new Low and Ultra Low Emission Private Hire Vehicles; and
3. **Agree** that such proposals be recommended to Council for adoption.

5 **LICENCE FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2019/20: COMMERCIAL EVENTS, HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE, ROAD CLOSURE ORDERS, SCRAP METAL DEALERS, SEX ESTABLISHMENTS AND STREET PARTIES**

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The Head of Community Services has submitted a report to seek agreement to the licence fees for 2019/20 where the Council has discretion over the level of fee charged.

Recommendation: That the General Purposes Licensing Committee resolves to:

Agree the licence fees and charges for 2019/20 as set out in the Appendix 1 and recommend them to Council

6 LICENCE FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2019/20: MISCELLANEOUS LICENSING

The Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety will submit a report to seek agreement to the licence fees for 2019/20 where the Council has discretion over the level of fee charged.

The report will be published as a Supplement to the agenda.

7 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Committee are scheduled to take place on:

14 May 2019

18 September 2019

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