

# Agenda

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## General Purposes Licensing Committee

Date: **Tuesday 14 May 2019**

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Time: **6.15 pm**

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

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# General Purposes Licensing Committee

Membership of the Committee will be confirmed at the meeting of full Council on 13 May 2019

**The quorum for this Committee is 4 Members, no substitutes are permitted.**

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The Head of Law and Governance has submitted a report to establish 4 sub-committees for the 2019-20 Council Year to deal with the casework flowing from the Committee’s own responsibilities.

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

1. **Agree** that the casework hearings for taxi, private hire or other driver or vehicle licences, street trading licences and sex establishment licences should be determined by sub-committees on the basis of the Powers and Duties of GPL Sub-Committees at Appendix 1;
2. **Establish** 4 politically-balanced sub-committees of 3 members each , and agree the membership, each to undertake the casework of the General Purposes Licensing Committee as follows:
  - Sub- Committee A: GPL Chair, Labour Cllr A, Lib Dem Cllr A
  - Sub- Committee B: GPL Vice Chair, Labour Cllr B, Lib Dem Cllr B
  - Sub- Committee C: GPL Chair, Labour Cllr C, Lib Dem Cllr A
  - Sub- Committee D: GPL Vice Chair, Labour Cllr D, Lib Dem Cllr B;
3. **Agree** that substitution is permitted on each of the 4 sub-committees but that substitutes must be from the General Purposes Licensing Committee and must maintain political proportionality; and
4. **Agree** the meeting dates and time listed below.

Date	Sub-Committee	Date	Sub-Committee
28 May 2019	A	03 Feb 2020	C
08 July 2019	B	16 Mar 2020	D
19 Aug 2019	C	17 Apr 2020	A
30 Sep 2019	D		
11 Nov 2019	A		
16 Dec 2019	B		

All meetings start at 6.00pm

<b>6</b>	<b>ANNUAL UPDATE ON TAXI LICENSING ACTIVITY 2018-2019</b> The Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety has submitted a report to inform Committee of the progress made by Taxi Licensing during 2018-19.  <b>Recommendations:</b> The General Purposes Licensing Committee is recommended to:  1. <b>Note</b> the contents of the report; and 2. <b>Make</b> any comments and recommendations regarding the future work of the Taxi Licensing Function.	11 - 18
<b>7</b>	<b>POLICY ON HACKNEY CARRIAGE QUANTITY CONTROL - UNMET DEMAND SURVEY</b> The Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety has submitted a report to consider the recommendations in the “Unmet Demand Survey” report (2018) and agree the Policy on Hackney Carriage Quantity Control.  <b>Recommendations:</b> The General Purposes Licensing Committee is recommended to:  1. <b>Agree</b> to accept the recommendations of the Hackney Carriage “Unmet Demand survey” report prepared by Licensed Vehicle Surveys and Assessment (LVSA) indicating that there is currently no significant unmet demand for Hackney Carriage Vehicles in Oxford; 2. <b>Recommend</b> to Council that there is currently no significant unmet demand for the services of Hackney Carriage Vehicles and therefore to resolve to maintain the Council’s Policy of Hackney Carriage Quantity Control and the current quota of 107 Hackney Carriage Vehicle licences; and 3. <b>Recommend</b> to Council that a further “Unmet Demand survey” be commissioned in 2021, subject to any changes to relevant legislation.	19 - 118
<b>8</b>	<b>REVIEW OF THE STREET TRADING POLICY 2019</b> The Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety has submitted a report to seek approval from the Committee to consult on the draft Street Trading Policy.  <b>Recommendations:</b> The General Purposes Licensing Committee is recommended to:  1. <b>Note</b> the content of the report and approve the draft Street Trading Policy; and 2. <b>Authorise</b> the Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety to undertake a public consultation on the draft Street Trading Policy.	119 - 164
<b>9</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>  <b>Recommendation:</b> That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2019 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.	165 - 168

**10 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to be held on:

18 September 2019.



## **DECLARING INTERESTS**

### **General duty**

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### **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.

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