

Agenda

General Purposes Licensing Committee

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Monday 10 February 2025**

Time: **6.15 pm**

Place: **Oxford Town Hall**

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Councillor Edward Mundy (Chair)

Councillor Mary Clarkson (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Mark Lygo

Councillor Simon Ottino

Councillor Asima Qayyum

Councillor Louise Upton

Councillor Naomi Waite

Councillor Katherine Miles

Councillor Theodore Jupp

Councillor Jo Sandelson

Councillor Dr Max Morris

Councillor Lois Muddiman

Councillor Ian Yeatman

Councillor Ajaz Rehman

Councillor Mohammed Azad

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<p>Recommendation(s): That the General Purposes and Licensing Committee resolves to:</p>	
<p>1. Agree the licence fees and charges for 2025/26 as set out in appendix 1 and recommend to Council for adoption.</p>	
4 Hackney Carriage Quantity Control Policy Review	13 - 80
<p>The Deputy Chief Executive for City and Citizens' Services has submitted a report to review and determine retention or removal of the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Quantity Control Policy.</p>	
<p>Recommendation(s): That the General Purposes and Licensing Committee resolves to:</p>	
<p>1. Remove the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Quantity Control Policy; and recommend the decision for adoption by Full Council.</p>	
<p>2. If the decision is to retain the policy, then;</p>	
<p>Instruct Officers to complete a public impact assessment of the quantity control measures for presentation.</p>	
5 Miscellaneous Licensing Update	81 - 86
<p>The Head of Planning and Regulatory Services has submitted a report to update the Committee on progress with Miscellaneous Licensing</p>	

matters previously raised with or by the Committee.

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

1. **Note** the current position and planned officer actions regarding the matters within this report.
2. **Decide** whether to pursue the possibility of incentivising smoke-free pavement licenced areas further, having regard to officer comments in this report.

6 **Miscellaneous Licensing Fees & Charges**

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The Head of Planning and Regulatory Services has submitted a report to seek agreement of the licence fees for 2025/26 where the Council has discretion over the level of fee charged.

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

1. **Agree** the licence fees and charges for 2025/26 as set out in the Appendix 1 and recommend them to Council.

7 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

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Recommendation: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2024 as a true and accurate record.

8 **Dates and times of meetings**

The Committee is next scheduled to meet on:

- 21 May 2025
- 22 September 2025

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