

# Agenda

## General Purposes Licensing Committee

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Monday 9 February 2026**

Time: **6.15 pm**

Place: **Long Room - Oxford Town Hall**

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Councillors: Membership 15: Quorum 5: No substitutes are permitted.

Councillor Lois Muddiman (Chair)

Councillor Edward Mundy

Councillor Mary Clarkson

Councillor Mark Lygo

Councillor Simon Ottino

Councillor Louise Upton

Councillor Naomi Waite

Councillor Katherine Miles

Councillor Theodore Jupp

Councillor Jo Sandelson

Councillor Ian Yeatman

Councillor Ajaz Rehman (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Mohammed Azad

Councillor Rosie Rawle

Councillor James Taylor

Apologies and notification of substitutes received before the publication are shown under *Apologies for absence* in the agenda. Those sent after publication will be reported at the meeting. Substitutes for the Chair and Vice-chair do not take on these roles.

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<b>1 Apologies for absence</b>	
<b>2 Declarations of interest</b>	
<b>3 Minutes of the previous meeting</b>	7 - 12
<b>Recommendation:</b> to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2025 as a true and accurate record.	
<b>4 Addresses by members of the public</b>	
Public addresses relating to matters of business for this agenda, up to five minutes is available for each public address.	
<b>The request to speak accompanied by the full text of the address must be received by the <a href="#">Director of Law, Governance and Strategy</a> by 5.00 pm on Tuesday 3 February 2026.</b>	
<b>5 Councillor addresses on any item for discussion</b>	
Councillor addresses relating to matters of business for this agenda, up to five minutes is available for each address.	
<b>The request should be received by the <a href="#">Director of Law, Governance and Strategy</a> by 5.00 pm on Tuesday 3 February 2026.</b>	
<b>6 Miscellaneous Licensing Update Report</b>	13 - 20
The Director of Planning and Regulation had submitted a report to review of feasibility study on smoke free pavement licensing as requested.	
<b>Recommendation(s):</b> That General Purposes Licensing Committee resolves to:	
<b>1. Agree</b> to retain the existing arrangements with regards to smokefree pavement licence conditions. A full smokefree	

pavement licensing condition is not recommended at this time due to the following factors:

- Significant enforcement and resource pressures,
- Forthcoming Local Government Reorganisation, and
- The risk of creating inconsistency and inequity for businesses
- That the current national-compliant arrangements remain proportionate, workable, and enforceable.

*Please note that some appendices to this item will be published as a supplement.*

## **7      Miscellaneous Licensing Fees and Charges for the financial year 2026/2027**

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The Director of Planning and Regulation had submitted a report to seek agreement of the licence fees for 2026/27 where the Council has discretion over the level of fee charged.

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

1. **Recommend** to Full Council the Miscellaneous Licensing Fees and Charges for 2026/2027 as set out in Appendix 1.

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## **8      Hackney Carriage and Private Hire, Road Closure Orders, Scrap Metal Dealers, Sex Establishments Street Parties and Commercial Events: Licence Fees and Charges for the 2026/27 financial year**

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The Deputy Chief Executive for Citizens and City Services had submitted a report to seek agreement on the licence fees for 2026/27 where the council has discretion over the level of fee charged.

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

1. **Recommend** to Council to approve the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire, Road Closure Orders, Scrap Metal Dealers, Sex Establishments Street Parties and Commercial Events Licenses

Fees and Charges for 2026/27 as set out in Appendix 1.

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## **9 Dates of future meetings**

The Committee will next meet on 27 May 2026 at 18.00.

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