

Committee: General Licensing Committee

Date: Wednesday 22 October 2025

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: 39 Castle Quay, Banbury, OX16 5FD

Membership

Councillor Rebecca Biegel Councillor Fiaz Ahmed (Vice-Chair)

(Chair)

Councillor Phil Chapman Councillor Nick Cotter

Councillor Andrew Crichton
Councillor Lesley McLean
Councillor Robert Parkinson
Councillor John Willett

Councillor Dr Henry Elugwu
Councillor Ian Middleton
Councillor Chris Pruden
Councillor Barry Wood

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Substitutes Any member of the relevant political group

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any interests and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

3. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 15 April 2025 and 21 May 2025.

4. Chair's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chair.

5. Urgent Business

The Chair to advise if they have agreed to any items of urgent business.

6. New Cherwell District Council Taxi Licensing Policy (Pages 11 - 190)

Report of Health Protection, Compliance and Licensing Manager

Purpose of report

To consider the post consultation draft Taxi Licensing Policy for hackney carriage and private hire for adoption by the Council. The draft policy is included at Appendix 1. A summary of changes from the current policy and the post-consultation changes are included at Appendix 3.

Recommendations

The General Licensing Committee resolves:

1.1 To approve the post consultation Cherwell District Council Taxi Licensing for adoption by Cherwell District Council.

7. New Cherwell District Council Street Trading Policy (Pages 191 - 230)

Report of Health Protection, Compliance and Licensing Manager

Purpose of report

To consider and agree a draft Street Trading Policy for consultation with Oxfordshire Country Council as the Highways Authority, Thames Valley Police, Environmental Health, Fire Authority, along with other Stakeholders including Current Licensees, Local Ward Councillors, and Parish and Town councils. The current Policy is attached at Appendix 1. The proposed draft policy is attached at Appendix 2 together with proposed new standard conditions.

Following consultation and any changes deemed necessary, the Policy will be submitted to the Committee for approval.

Recommendations

The General Licensing Committee resolves:

1.1 To approve the new draft Cherwell District Council Street Trading Policy for consultation with the trade and members of the public.

8. New Cherwell District Council Pavement Licence Policy (Pages 231 - 260)

Report of Health Protection, Compliance and Licensing Manager

Purpose of report

To consider and agree a draft Pavement License Policy for consultation with Oxfordshire Country Council as the Highways Authority, Thames Valley Police, Environmental Health, Fire Authority, along with other Stakeholders including Current Licensees, Local Ward Councillors, and Parish and Town councils. The current Policy is attached at Appendix 1. The proposed draft policy is attached at Appendix 2 together with proposed new standard conditions.

Following consultation and any changes deemed necessary, the Policy will be submitted to the Committee for approval.

Recommendations

The General Committee resolves:

1.1 To approve the new draft Pavement Licensing Policy for consultation to ensure that it reflects the current Government guidance, and input from relevant consultees.

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Declarations of Interest

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