

Committee: **Licensing Committee**
Date: **Thursday 11 June 2009**
Time: **1.00 pm**
Venue **Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA**

Membership

Councillor Eric Heath (Chairman)	Councillor Tony Ilott (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Fred Blackwell	Councillor David Hughes Councillor Douglas Webb
Councillor Margaret Cullip	Councillor P A O'Sullivan Councillor John Wyse
Councillor Mrs Diana Edwards	Councillor G A Reynolds
Councillor Michael Gibbard	Councillor Rose Stratford

Substitutes **Councillor Alastair Milne Home, Councillor Neil Prestidge,
Councillor Devena Rae, Councillor Trevor Stevens and
Councillor Lawrie Stratford**

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. Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting

The Chairman to report on any requests to submit petitions or to address the meeting.

4. Urgent Business

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

5. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 11 March 2009 and 20 May 2009.

6. **Minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 April 2009**
(Pages 5 - 6)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 20 April 2009.

7. **Licensing of Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles** (Pages 7 - 37)

Report of the Head of Urban and Rural Services

Summary

The purpose of this report is to present a review of the vehicle specification documents currently used by the Licensing Authority for the licensing of Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles.

Recommendations

The Licensing Committee is **recommended** to:

- 1) Review the Policy proposals at Annex 1 of this report and authorise officers to carry out consultation on those items of Policy the Committee agree for amendment.
- 2) Note the comments at paragraphs 5.6 and 7.3 regarding future changes to the knowledge testing provisions and agree that any such changes are included in the consultation exercise.

8. **Consultation on Licensing Matters** (Pages 38 - 39)

Report of the Head of Urban and Rural Services

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek the authority of the Licensing Committee to respond to any relevant consultation documents after discussion with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee.

Recommendation

It is **recommended** that the Licensing Committee authorise the Chairman, or in their absence the Vice Chairman, to formulate a response with officers to relevant consultation documents on behalf of the Licensing Committee.

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence should be notified to democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or 01295 221587 prior to the start of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item. The definition of personal and prejudicial interests is set out in Part 5 Section A of the constitution. The Democratic Support Officer will have a copy available for inspection at all meetings.

Personal Interest: Members must declare the interest but may stay in the room, debate and vote on the issue.

Prejudicial Interest: Member must withdraw from the meeting room and should inform the Chairman accordingly.

With the exception of the some very specific circumstances, a Member with a personal interest also has a prejudicial interest if it is one which a Member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest.

Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare the fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

Queries Regarding this Agenda

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