

Agenda



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A MEETING OF THE

General Licensing Committee

WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015 AT 6.05 PM OR ON THE RISING OF THE PRECEDING MEETING OF THE LICENSING ACTS COMMITTEE

FOUNTAIN CONFERENCE CENTRE, HOWBERY PARK, CROWMARSH GIFFORD

Members of the Committee:

To be confirmed at the annual meeting of Council on 21 May 2015

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- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 3 - 4)**

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the committee meeting held on 27 February 2015 (previously published).

3 Appointment of taxi licensing panels

Purpose: to agree the appointment of sub-committees known as Taxi Licensing Panels to consider matters delegated to these under the council's Taxi licensing Policy.

Recommendation: to:

- appoint sub-committees comprising any three members, or their appointed substitutes, of the General Licensing Committee;
- agree that the sub-committees be known as taxi licensing panels;
- appoint each member or substitute of the General Licensing Committee to serve on any taxi licensing panel which is convened so as to include her or him in its membership;
- authorise each taxi licensing panel to discharge all functions relating to matters referred to the committee or to its sub-committees by the council's licensing officer under the Taxi Licensing Policy.
- agree that, wherever possible, applications should be heard by a panel comprising the chairman or vice-chairman of the committee plus two other members of the Committee, but that this should not affect the principle that any three members or their substitutes of the Committee will constitute a properly appointed panel;
- authorise the head of legal and democratic services to invite an appropriate panel to conduct a scheduled hearing having regard to members' availability and eligibility to take part and ensuring that as far as possible all members of the committee have the opportunity to conduct hearings.

MARGARET REED

Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Minutes



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OF A MEETING OF THE

General Licensing Committee

HELD AT 10.00 AM ON FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2015

DU CROS ROOM, MANOR HOUSE, HOWBERY PARK, CROWMARSH
GIFFORD

Present:

Elizabeth Gillespie (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Bernard Cooper, Pat Dawe, and Margaret Turner

Apologies:

Malcolm Leonard, Joan Bland and Pearl Slatter tendered apologies.

Officers:

Paul Holland, Clare Kingston, Ron Schrieber and Claire Spendley

Also present:

Judith Nimmo-Smith

6 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest

None.

7 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting of 8 July 2014 as a correct record and agree that the vice-chairman in the chair sign these as such.

8 Air quality action plan

The committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Strategy on the proposed Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) and the responses to the public consultation. Appendix 2 to the report detailed the amendments made to the AQAP in the light of consultation responses.

In response to members' questions, the committee was informed that:

- there were currently no air quality issues in Didcot but the situation was monitored regularly.
- weather conditions would affect air quality. Information on this could be found on the air quality website for all Oxfordshire authorities.
- minor design changes could significantly reduce a proposed development's impact on air quality.
- if necessary, conditions could be included in a planning permission to reduce a new development's impact on air quality.
- if the AQAP was approved, then the council could apply for funding for proposed actions in the plan.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Air Quality Action Plan be approved.
2. That the head of corporate strategy be authorised to make any minor amendments to the plan in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and the Chairman of the General Licensing Committee.

The meeting closed at 10.50 am

Chairman

Date