

General Licensing Committee Agenda



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A meeting of the

General Licensing Committee

will be held on Wednesday 20 May 2015 ON THE THE RISING OF THE
PRECEDING LICENSING ACTS COMMITTEE

The Ridgeway (main hall first floor), The Beacon, (formerly Wantage Civic Hall),
Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BY

Members of the Committee:

To be confirmed at the annual meeting of Council on 20 May 2015.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M Reed".

Margaret Reed
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Agenda

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Council's vision

The council's vision is to take care of your interests across the Vale with enterprise, energy and efficiency.

1. Notification of substitutes and apologies for absence

To receive notification of apologies for absence and the attendance of substitute members.

2. Minutes

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

3. Appointment of taxi panels

Purpose: to agree the appointment of sub-committees to consider matters under the 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 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.



Minutes

of a meeting of the

General

Licensing

Committee

held on Friday, 27 March 2015 at 2.00 pm

at the Meeting Room 1, Old Abbey House, Abingdon, OX14 3JE

Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillors Charlotte Dickson (Chairman), , John Amys, Eric Batts, Anthony Hayward, Dudley Hoddinott, Bob Johnston, Bill Jones, Ron Mansfield, Elizabeth Miles, Val Shaw and Catherine Webber (In place of Jeanette Halliday)

Officers:

Also present:

Number of members of the public:

GL.14 Notification of substitutes and apologies for absence

Councillors Marilyn Badcock, Jeanette Halliday, Gill Morgan and Alison Thomson had sent apologies for absence. Councillor Catharine Webber attended as Jeanette Halliday's substitute.

GL.15 Minutes

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting of 17 December 2014 as a correct record and agree that the Chairman sign these as such.

GL.16 Declarations of interest

None.

GL.17 Urgent business and chair's announcements

None.

GL.18 Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the general licensing committee.

Ruth Mander representing Marcham Parish Council, spoke in support of the proposed Air Quality Management Area and Air Quality Action Plan for Marcham and, in particular, the proposed extension of the management area along the A415 to the eastern boundary of Marcham village.

GL.19 Air Quality Management Area and Air Quality Action Plan for Marcham

The committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Strategy on the proposed Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) for Marcham and the responses to the public consultation. Appendix 1 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:

- In the light of the responses to the consultation, the proposed boundary of the AQMA had been extended along the A415 to the eastern boundary of the village.
- A number of diffusion tubes had been used to monitor air quality in Marcham. Each month they were replaced and sent off for analysis with the results averaged out over a year.
- Appendix 3 to the report stated that nitrogen dioxide levels in Packhorse Lane exceeded the air quality objective by 20%. Further detailed data was available in background documents and on the council website.
- If the recommendations were approved, then the council would be able to apply for funding for proposed actions in the plan.

Committee members welcomed the proposed making of an AQMA and AQAP for the Marcham. However they expressed the view that action to improve air quality was required immediately rather than by the target date of 2017. They also felt that significant improvements could only be achieved by building the by-pass proposed for Marcham and instructed officers to make representations to Oxfordshire County Council to this effect.

RESOLVED:

1. That the making of an Air Quality Management Order, designating part of Marcham as an Air Quality Management Area, be approved.
2. That the Air Quality Management Action Plan for the Marcham Air Quality Management Area, be approved, together with its incorporation within the Vale of White Horse District Council Air Quality Action Plan.
3. That the head of corporate strategy be authorised to make any minor amendments to the order and/or the action plan in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and the Chairman of the General Licensing Committee.
4. That Oxfordshire County Council be requested to include the building of the Marcham by-pass in its latest local transport plan, LTP4.

The meeting closed at 2.45 pm