

# General Licensing Committee Agenda



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A meeting of the

## **General Licensing Committee**

will be held on Wednesday 17 May 2017 ON THE RISING OF THE PRECEDING  
MEETING OF THE LICENSING ACTS COMMITTEE

The Ridgeway, The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BY

### **Members of the Committee:**

To be confirmed at the annual meeting of Council on 17 May 2017

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Reed", written in a cursive style.

Margaret Reed  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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## Open to the public including the press

### Council's vision

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

### 1. Apologies for absence

To record apologies for absence.

### 2. Minutes

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To adopt and sign as a correct record the General Licensing Committee minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2017 (attached).

### 3. Declarations of interest

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

### 4. Urgent business and chairman's announcements

To receive notification of any matters which the chairman determines should be considered as urgent business and the special circumstances which have made the matters urgent, and to receive any announcements from the chairman.

### 5. Public participation

To receive any questions or statements from members of the public that have registered to speak.

### 6. 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 of the General Licensing Committee;
- agree that the sub-committees be known as taxi licensing panels;
- appoint each member 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,

subject to her or him having attended appropriate training in the last 12 months;

- 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 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.