

Minutes

of a meeting of the

General Licensing Committee



held on the rising of the preceding meeting of the Licensing Acts Committee on Tuesday 18 May 2021 at 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB

Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillors Alison Jenner (Chair), Ron Batstone (Vice-Chair), Jerry Avery, Matthew Barber, Paul Barrow, Eric Batts, Margaret Crick, Diana Lugova and Patrick O'Leary

Members in attendance remotely (not eligible to vote): Councillors Debby Hallett and Richard Webber

Officers: Steven Corrigan and Steve Culliford

GL.1 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Val Shaw.

GL.2 Minutes

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2021 as a correct record and agree that the chair sign these as such.

GL.3 Declarations of interest

None.

GL.4 Urgent business and chair's announcements

None.

GL.5 Public participation

None.

GL.6 Appointment of taxi panels

The committee considered a proposal to appoint sub-committees to consider matters under the Taxi Licensing Policy

RESOLVED: 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 chair or vice-chair 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 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.

The meeting closed at 8.02pm