



Colchester  
City Council

# Licensing Committee Meeting

**Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, High Street,  
Colchester, CO1 1PJ  
Wednesday, 20 March 2024 at 18:00**

**The Licensing Committee** deals with policy issues relating to licensing matters and applications and appeals concerning hackney carriage and private hire vehicles and drivers and other appeals.

# Information for Members of the Public

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**COLCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**  
**Licensing Committee**  
**Wednesday, 20 March 2024 at 18:00**

**Members:**

Councillor Appleton  
Councillor Bloomfield  
Councillor Michelle Burrows (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor Roger Buston  
Councillor Jeremy Hagon  
Councillor Dave Harris (Chairman)  
Councillor Mike Hogg  
Councillor David King  
Councillor Roger Mannion  
Councillor Sam McLean  
Councillor Carl Powling  
Councillor Michael Spindler

**Substitutes:**

All members of the Council who are not Cabinet members or members of this Panel.

**AGENDA - Part A**  
(open to the public including the press)

**Members of the public may wish to note that Agenda items 1 to 5 are normally brief.**

**1 Welcome and Announcements**

The Chairman will welcome members of the public and Councillors and remind everyone to use microphones at all times when they are speaking. The Chairman will also explain action in the event of an emergency, mobile phones switched to silent and live streaming of the meeting. Councillors who are members of the Committee will introduce themselves.

**2 Substitutions**

Councillors will be asked to say if they are attending on behalf of a Committee member who is absent.

**3 Urgent Items**

The Chairman will announce if there is any item not on the published agenda which will be considered because it is urgent and will explain the reason for the urgency.

**4 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the agenda about which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the item or participating in any vote upon the item, or any other registerable interest or non-registerable interest.

**5 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Councillors will be invited to confirm that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2024 are a correct record.

**Licensing Committee draft Minutes 17 January 2024**

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**6 Have Your Say! (Hybrid Meetings)**

Members of the public may make representations to Cabinet meetings on any item on the agenda or any other matter relating to the business of the Committee. This can be made either in person at the meeting or by joining the meeting remotely and addressing the Committee via Zoom. Each representation may be no more than three minutes. Members of the public wishing to address the Committee remotely may register their wish to address the meeting by e-mailing [democratic.services@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@colchester.gov.uk) by 12.00 noon on the working day before the meeting. In addition, a written copy of the representation should be supplied for use in the event of technical difficulties preventing participation at the meeting itself.

There is no requirement to pre-register for those attending in person.

**7 Vehicle Age Restriction – Consultation Responses**

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This report considers the responses received to the Council's consultation on whether the current vehicle age restriction for licensed vehicles stipulated in the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy should be removed.

**8 Taxi Policy – Plate Exemption**

23 - 52

This report considers whether the Council should amend its current Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy to permit private hire vehicles, used exclusively for chauffeured work, to be black.

9 **Work Programme 2023-2024**

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The Committee will consider a report setting out its work programme for the current municipal year.

10 **Exclusion of the Public (not Scrutiny or Executive)**

In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt information (for example confidential personal, financial or legal advice), in Part B of this agenda (printed on yellow paper) can be decided. (Exempt information is defined in Section 100I and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

**Part B**

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