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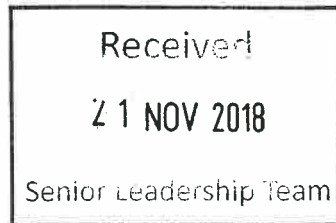
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Dear Stuart

**Support for Selective Licensing Scheme within Melcombe Regis Ward**

I am writing to express support for the proposed Selective Licensing Scheme within Melcombe Regis Ward, as part of a coordinated multi-agency approach to reduce deprivation and crime in the area.

The proposed scheme is a key component of work on three of the Melcombe Regis Board's priorities – Housing, Environment, and Crime - all designed to contribute to the Board's vision that Melcombe Regis is a safe, healthy and great place to live and work.

Dorset County Council has been involved in work to improve the thermal efficiency of homes in Melcombe Regis for many years, in particular through projects to install improved insulation and heating. Selective Licensing will contribute to ensuring all private sector homes are improved where economically viable.

The decision to introduce new regulation should not be taken lightly. On balance, in view of the potential to improve living standards for some of our most vulnerable residents, the ongoing multi-agency work to improve conditions in the area, and the mixed results of the current voluntary accreditation scheme for landlords, the proposed scheme presents a justifiable and proportionate change in regulation for landlords, agents, and tenants.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Ward  
Chief Executive