



Dorset Council

Date: Thursday, 4 December 2025
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

All members of Dorset Council are requested to attend this meeting of the Full Council.

Chief Executive: Catherine Howe, County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ

For more information about this agenda please contact Democratic & Governance Services
Meeting Contact susan.dallison@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

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A period of 30 minutes is allocated to receive and respond to questions and statements on the business of the Council in the following order:

- (a) Questions and statements from Town and Parish Councils;
- (b) Questions and statements from those living or working in the Dorset Council area;

A person or organisation can submit either 1 question or 1 statement at each meeting.

You are welcome to attend the meeting in person or via MS Teams to read out your question and to receive the response. If you submit a statement for Full Council this will be circulated to all members of the council in advance of the meeting as a supplement to the agenda and appended to the minutes of the meeting for the formal record, but it will not be read out at the meeting. The first 8 questions and the first 8 statements received by Democratic Services will be accepted on a first come first served basis in accordance with the deadline below:

The full text of the question or statement must be received by

8.30am on 1 December 2025. All submissions must be emailed to susan.dallison@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

When submitting your question or statement please note that:

- You can submit 1 question or 1 statement for each meeting;
- A question may include a pre-amble to set the context, each question, including the pre-amble can consist of up to **450 words** and you will be given up to **3 minutes** to read out your question;
- Sub-divided questions will not be accepted;
- When submitting a question please indicate who the question is for, i.e. the name of the Cabinet member;
- You will need to include your full name, address and contact details;
- All questions and statements will be published with the minutes of the meeting as a matter of public record.

Before submitting your question or statement please read the Council's Procedure Rules paragraphs 9.1 – 9.12 to ensure that your question/statement is compliant.

[Part 2 Rules of Procedure - Council and Committee Procedure Rules.pdf](#)

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Questions submitted by the Public

Question 1 - submitted by Giovanna Lewis

As all planning legal challenges to the incinerator are now exhausted, Stop Portland Waste Incinerator will close its campaign around the end of the year - after 6 long years where we raised almost £240,000 to pay for consultants, expert reports, lawyers and barristers – even from one elderly lady who dropped in £5 cash every week.

Although we lost through legal routes, our actions have, without doubt, been successful in delaying the project, from a time when, through lack of information, people could be convinced that incineration might be a good idea, to now, when we all realise it's not, and public opinion and politicians are turning against its proliferation. Drastic waste reduction and improved recycling are the order of the day. We commend Dorset Council's excellent recycling rates.

Just over a year ago, a second campaign group was formed, SPIC (Stop Portland Incinerator Campaign), and last week we organised a public meeting, attended by over 100 people to think about what we can do. Several local Dorset Councillors attended – thank you.

Monitoring emissions came high on the list! You may not know that incineration companies self-monitor emissions and provide the data which is used by the Environment Agency. You may also not know that there is a flaw in the monitoring requirements. When incinerators power down and power back up for maintenance – a time of high filthy emission rates – there is no monitoring by anyone. No wonder it's not monitored then. Commissioning is also a high-risk emission time.

So, Dorset needs to take care of ourselves and monitor the emissions ourselves, so we know what's going on. We say this because also we know that even with the 'best available technology' things go wrong and currently around 60 hours per year 'leeway' is given to companies, who only have to report breaches over this limit. Whilst business may rationalise this, it's a whole different ball game if you have to live and breathe next to one.

So, tonight, SPIC asks Nick Ireland as Council Leader to please support our call for Dorset's own emission monitoring, should this ever be built. Please help ensure that the right equipment is purchased and placed correctly in order to provide the credible and usable data the Environment Agency will use. We ask that you involve and include use our manpower and willingness to help. We would also like to fund raise to help with costs.