

## Licensing Committee

**Date:** Thursday, 27 January 2022  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Venue:** A link to the meeting can be found on the front page of the agenda.

### **Members (Quorum )**

Jon Andrews (Vice-Chairman), Mike Barron, Derek Beer, Susan Cocking, Mike Dyer, Les Fry, Paul Harrison, Brian Heatley, Carole Jones, Cathy Lugg, David Morgan, Emma Parker (Chairman), Julie Robinson, David Taylor and Kate Wheller

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## Agenda

**Item**

**Pages**

**1. APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To disclose any pecuniary, other registerable or personal interest as set out in the adopted Code of Conduct. In making their disclosure councillors are asked to state the agenda item, the nature of the interest and any action they propose to take as part of their declaration.

If required, further advice should be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

To receive questions or statements on the business of the committee from town and parish councils and members of the public.

Public speaking has been suspended for virtual committee meetings during the Covid-19 crisis and public participation will be dealt with through written submissions only.

Members of the public who live, work or represent an organisation within the Dorset Council area, may submit up to two questions or a statement of up to a maximum of 450 words. All submissions must be sent electronically to [elaine.tibble@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:elaine.tibble@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) by the deadline set out below.

When submitting a question please indicate who the question is for and include your name, address and contact details. Questions and statements received in line with the council's rules for public participation will be published as a supplement to the agenda.

Questions will be read out by an officer of the council and a response given by the appropriate officer at the meeting. All questions, statements and responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting. The deadline for submission of the full text of a question or statement is **8.30am on Monday 24 January 2022.**

**4. RENEWAL OF SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCE FOR WIGGLE** 5 - 40

An application has been made to renew a sexual entertainment venue for Wiggle, 33 New Street, Weymouth. The application has been out to public consultation and has attracted relevant representations. A Licensing Committee must consider the application and representations at a public hearing.

**5. DELEGATED POWERS FOR URGENT REVOCATIONS OR SUSPENSIONS TO TAXI LICENCES** 41 - 66

- 1.1 Under Section 61 (1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 the Council, as Licensing Authority has the power to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a hackney carriage / private hire driver's licence.
- 1.2 Dorset Council's Constitution delegates all powers relating to taxi licensing to the Licensing Committee (and/or Sub-Committee) and the majority of decisions that relate to whether a taxi driver should keep their licence will be referred to a Sub-Committee for a decision.
- 1.3 Occasionally however, there are situations when it is necessary for immediate action to be taken, when even delaying a decision for the time it takes to prepare a report and organise a committee meeting would potentially give rise to an unacceptable risk to the public.
- 1.4 The recommendation is that where officers are of the view that an incident or allegation is so serious that any delay in the decision making process presents an unacceptable risk to passengers, the Executive Director of Place be given delegated authority to suspend or revoke licences with immediate effect, in consultation with the Chair (or vice chair) of the Licensing Committee.

## **6. URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any items of business which the Chairman has had prior notification and considers to be urgent pursuant to section 100B (4) b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The reason for the urgency shall be recorded in the minutes.

## **7. EXEMPT BUSINESS**

To move the exclusion of the press and the public for the following item in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The public and the press will be asked to leave the meeting whilst the item of business is considered.