

## Licensing Committee

**Date:** Wednesday, 11 October 2023  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Venue:** Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

### Members (Quorum 3)

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

**Chief Executive:** Matt Prosser, County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ

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### Agenda

Item		Pages
1.	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
	To receive any apologies for absence.	
2.	<b>MINUTES</b>	5 - 6
	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2023.	
3.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
	To disclose any pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interests 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.	

#### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Representatives of town or parish councils and members of the public who live, work, or represent an organisation within the Dorset Council area are welcome to submit either 1 question or 1 statement for 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 the committee this will be circulated to all members of the committee in advance of the meeting as a supplement to the agenda and appended to the minutes for the formal record but will not be read out at the meeting. **The first 8 questions and the first 8 statements received from members of the public or organisations for each meeting will be accepted on a first come first served basis in accordance with the deadline set out below.** Further information read [Public Participation - Dorset Council](#)

All submissions must be emailed in full to [elaine.tibble@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:elaine.tibble@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) by 8.30am on Friday 6 October 2023

When submitting your question or statement please note that:

- You can submit 1 question or 1 statement.
- a question may include a short pre-amble to set the context.
- It must be a single question and any sub-divided questions will not be permitted.
- Each question will consist of no more than 450 words, and you will be given up to 3 minutes to present your question.
- when submitting a question please indicate who the question is for (e.g., the name of the committee or Portfolio Holder)
- Include your name, address, and contact details. Only your name will be published but we may need your other details to contact you about your question or statement in advance of the meeting.
- questions and statements received in line with the council's rules for public participation will be published as a supplement to the agenda.
- all questions, statements and responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting.

#### 5. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

##### Councillor Questions

Councillors can submit up to two valid questions at each meeting and sub divided questions count towards this total. Questions and statements received will be published as a supplement to the agenda and all questions, statements and responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting.

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| <b>6.</b>  | <b>STATEMENT OF GAMBLING LICENSING POLICY 2024-2027</b>   | 7 - 76       |
|            | <p>The Council, as Licensing Authority under the Gambling Act 2005, is required to publish a Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy at least every three years. The purpose of the policy statement is to define how the Council will exercise its responsibilities under the Act. The draft revised policy has been prepared by officers and is now ready to be published, in draft format, for a period of public consultation.</p>   |              |
| <b>7.</b>  | <b>LICENSING ACT 2003 POLICY - REVIEW OF CUMULATIVE IMPACT AREA</b>   | 77 - 158     |
|            | <p>The Council, as Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003, is required to publish a Licensing Policy at least every five years. The purpose of the policy statement is to define how the Council will exercise its responsibilities under the Act. The Statutory Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 advises however that any Cumulative Impact Area(s) are reviewed every three years. The Dorset Licensing Policy contains one Cumulative Impact Area in Weymouth Town Centre. Officers have reviewed the evidence base for the Weymouth Cumulative Impact Area and a report is attached for consideration by the Committee. It is proposed to undertake a public consultation regarding the retention of the Cumulative Impact Area, with the results of the consultation being considered by the Licensing Committee and a recommendation made to Full Council.</p> |              |
| <b>8.</b>  | <b>AMENDMENTS TO THE TAXI LICENSING POLICY</b>  | 159 -<br>234 |
|            | <p>To consider proposed minor amendments to the Taxi Licensing Policy.</p>  |              |
| <b>9.</b>  | <b>TAXI LICENSING POLICY - PLATE EXEMPTIONS</b>   | 235 -<br>258 |
|            | <p>A meeting with the Taxi trade was held in on 24 May 2023 and several of those present requested that the Plate Exemption Policy be reviewed.</p>   |              |
| <b>10.</b> | <b>TAXI LICENSING POLICY - RESTRICTED LICENCES FOR SCHOOL TRANSPORT</b>   | 259 -<br>334 |
|            | <p>To consider whether to allow Restricted Licences for school contract drivers with a reduced application process and restrictions on licence use.</p>   |              |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND ZONE HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES</b>  | 335 -<br>416 |

To consider a rise to the maximum level of fares for the financial year 2024/25 for the Hackney Carriage Proprietors in Weymouth and Portland.

**12. 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.

**13. 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.