

DORCHESTER MARKETS INFORMAL JOINT PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2025

Present: Cllrs Laura Beddow, Janet Hewitt, Sally Holland, Rob Hughes, Stella Jones, Fiona Kent-Ledger, Kate Reid, Molly Rennie and Sarah Williams

Apologies: Cllrs Dave Bolwell, Simon Christopher, Jed Germodo, Jill Haynes and Roland Tarr

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

Graham Duggan (Head of Community & Public Protection), Joshua Kennedy (Democratic Services Officer), Hannah Massey (Lawyer - Regulatory), Steve Newman (Town Clerk) and Louis Wicks (Democratic Services Officer Apprentice)

64. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 30 July were confirmed and signed.

65. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

66. Public Participation

There were no public questions.

67. Urgent Items

The Chair raised an urgent item, to address the requirement for the membership of the Car Boot Fund Panel.

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes and seconded by Cllr Jones.

Decision: That Cllr Reid, Cllr Hewitt and Cllr Holland be appointed to the Car Boot Panel in addition to the Chair and Vice-Chair.

68. Draft Market Agreement

The Head of Community and Public Protection presented the draft market agreement report to the panel and invited members to comment on the report.

Members asked for further clarification about the financial arrangements for car parking in Fairfield Car Park, particularly in regard to the boundaries of the car park.

It was confirmed that both Dorset Council and Dorchester Town Council would have liability insurance, which would cover their respective roles in the market.

The Head of Community and Public Protection provided a suggested change to the Terms of Reference to widen the area from which Dorset Council members can be appointed from to ensure that there will always be 3 members from Dorset Council. It was proposed by Cllr Beddow and seconded by Cllr Williams, that this amendment be accepted.

Decision: That para (b) of the Terms of Reference be amended to allow appointments from Dorset Council to be from the remainder of the Dorset Council administrative area if a Dorchester Ward Member cannot be appointed.

Proposed by Cllr Beddow and seconded by Cllr Hewitt.

Decision: That the draft agreement be referred for approval to Dorset Council and Dorchester Town Council, with the agreed change to the Terms of Reference.

69. Exempt Business

There was no exempt business.

Duration of meeting: 2.00 - 2.40 pm

Chairman

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