



Guidance for face-to-face Council and Committee meetings from 19 July 2021

Dorset Council and committee meetings will be held in person from 19 July having been held online throughout the pandemic. Meetings will be held in the Council Chamber and Committee Room 1 at County Hall, Dorchester, and members of the public and of the media will also be able to attend in person.

This Guidance also applies to all formal Committees held in venues across the Council area

Meetings will also be livestreamed, so available for people to watch online, either “live” or a recording of the meeting that will be available on our website.

People are very welcome to attend Council and committee meetings, and we ask that you follow some simple steps to help keep yourselves and other people safe. Although government has lifted restrictions from 19 July, we plan to take a cautious approach of – Hands, Space, Face, Fresh Air –

What you can expect:

- Hand sanitiser will be available and you are encouraged to use this.
- We ask everyone at the meeting to respect people’s space as they may be vulnerable or unable to have had vaccinations.
- We strongly encourage you to wear face coverings if you are able to do so.
- We will ensure there is a good natural ventilation (windows and doors open) as far as possible.

What we ask of you:

- Respect people’s choice to wear face coverings.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- Stay at home if you feel unwell or if you have tested positive for Covid-19 to reduce the risk of passing on illnesses to friends, family, colleagues and others in the community.
- Consider individual risks, such as clinical vulnerabilities and vaccination status, when thinking about attending a meeting.