

# Licensing Committee

30 May 2024

## Appointment of Licensing Sub-Committees

### For Decision

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr Gill Taylor, Public Health, Environmental Health, Housing, Community Safety and Regulatory Service.

**Local Councillor(s):** All Councillors

**Executive Director:** Jan Britton, Executive Lead for Place

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**Report Status:** Public

**Brief Summary:** To meet the requirements of the Constitution, at the first meeting of the Licensing Committee after each Annual Council, the Committee is required to review and appoint such sub-committees as it considers appropriate for the effective operation of the Council's licensing duties.

**Recommendations:** That five sub-committees be appointed consisting of three councillors each for consideration of matters relating to the Licensing Act 2003, Gambling Act 2005 and to undertake functions in relation to other licensing matters including hackney carriage and private hire vehicles, drivers and operator licences etc.

**Reason for Recommendation:** To ensure compliance with the Constitution.

#### 1. Background

1.1 In order to meet the requirements of the Constitution, at the first meeting of the Licensing Committee after each Annual Council, the Committee is required to review and appoint such sub-committees as it considers appropriate for the effective operation of the Council's licensing duties.

- 1.2 The Committee is therefore asked to appoint five sub-committees consisting of three councillors each for the consideration of matters in respect of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005. The sub-committee(s) will also undertake functions in relation to hackney carriage and private hire vehicles, drivers and operator licences and sexual entertainment venue licences.
- 1.3 The Chairman of the licensing sub-committee(s) will be selected by the members of the sub-committee present at the meeting. If a member of the sub-committee is unable to attend there are powers for substitutes to be appointed to that sub-committee, provided that the substitutes are councillors on the Licensing Committee.
- 1.4 In order to meet the requirements of the Constitution the Committee is requested to confirm the appointment of sub-committee(s) as set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.5 For information the functions/powers of the Licensing Committee and its Sub-Committees together the delegations to Officers are set out in Appendix 2.

2. **Financial Implications**

There are no additional financial implications arising from decisions in relation to this report.

3. **Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Implications**

There are no adverse implications arising from the recommendations contained within this report in terms of meeting the Council's climate change obligations. Any implications arising from specific licensing decisions will be addressed within the relevant reports.

4. **Well-being and Health Implications**

There are no adverse well-being and health implications arising from decisions in relation to this report. Any implications arising from specific licensing decisions will be addressed within the relevant reports.

5. **Other Implications**

There are no other implications arising from the recommendations contained within this report in terms of impacts on other service areas within the Council.

6. **Risk Assessment**

HAVING CONSIDERED: the risks associated with this decision; the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: Medium

Residual Risk: Low

7. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

Not applicable.

8. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 Table for sub-committee appointments

Appendix 2 Relevant sections from the Council's Constitution.

9. **Background Papers**

Dorset Council Constitution