

# Notice of Licensing Committee



Date: Thursday, 9 March 2023 at 10.00 am

Venue: Committee Room, First Floor, BCP Civic Centre Annex, St Stephen's Rd, Bournemouth BH2 6LL

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## Membership:

### Chair:

Cllr J J Butt

### Vice Chair:

Cllr T Johnson

Cllr S C Anderson  
Cllr J Bagwell  
Cllr D Brown  
Cllr R Burton  
Cllr N Decent

Cllr B Dion  
Cllr G Farquhar  
Cllr D Farr  
Cllr D A Flagg  
Cllr M Howell

Cllr D Kelsey  
Cllr L Williams  
Cllr K Wilson

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All Members of the Licensing Committee are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

The press and public are welcome to view the live stream of this meeting at the following link:

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=4721>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Jill Holyoake 01202 127564 or email [democratic.services@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1 March 2023



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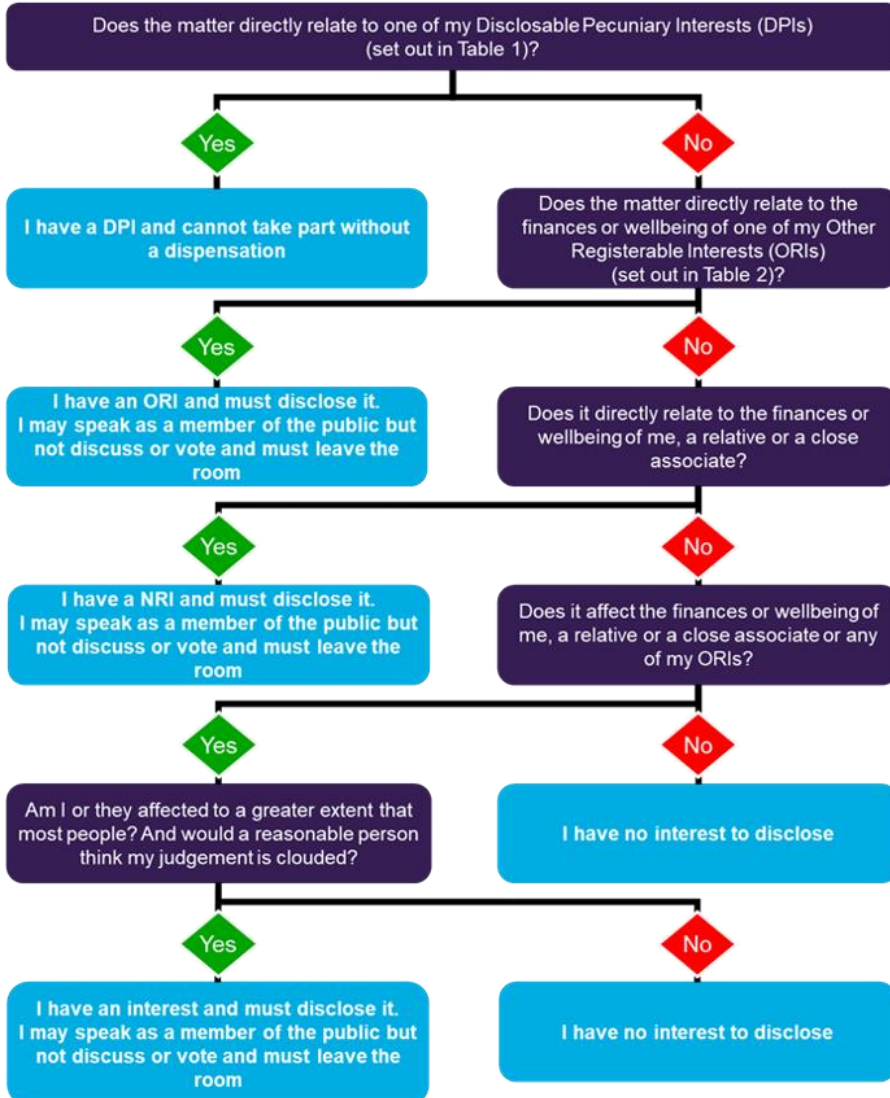


## Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

### Declaring interests at meetings

Familiarise yourself with the Councillor Code of Conduct which can be found in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution.

Before the meeting, read the agenda and reports to see if the matters to be discussed at the meeting concern your interests



What are the principles of bias and pre-determination and how do they affect my participation in the meeting?

Bias and predetermination are common law concepts. If they affect you, your participation in the meeting may call into question the decision arrived at on the item.

#### Bias Test

In all the circumstances, would it lead a fair minded and informed observer to conclude that there was a real possibility or a real danger that the decision maker was biased?

#### Predetermination Test

At the time of making the decision, did the decision maker have a closed mind?

If a councillor appears to be biased or to have predetermined their decision, they must NOT participate in the meeting.

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer  
([susan.zeiss@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:susan.zeiss@bcpcouncil.gov.uk))

### Selflessness

Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

### Integrity

Councillors must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships

### Objectivity

Councillors must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias

### Accountability

Councillors are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this

### Openness

Councillors should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing

### Honesty & Integrity

Councillors should act with honesty and integrity and should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned

### Leadership

Councillors should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs

# AGENDA

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

## 1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence from Councillors.

## 2. Substitute Members

To receive information on any changes in the membership of the Committee.

Note – When a member of a Committee is unable to attend a meeting of a Committee or Sub-Committee, the relevant Political Group Leader (or their nominated representative) may, by notice to the Monitoring Officer (or their nominated representative) prior to the meeting, appoint a substitute member from within the same Political Group. The contact details on the front of this agenda should be used for notifications.

## 3. Declarations of Interests

Councillors are requested to declare any interests on items included in this agenda. Please refer to the workflow on the preceding page for guidance.

Declarations received will be reported at the meeting.

## 4. Confirmation of Minutes

To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Licensing Committee meetings held on 8 December 2022 and 26 January 2023 and the Licensing Sub Committee meetings held on 24 November 2022, 7 and 21 December 2022, 18 January 2023 and 1 and 9 February 2023.

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## 5. Public Issues

To receive any public questions, statements or petitions submitted in accordance with the Constitution, which is available to view at the following link:

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bcr=1>

The deadline for the submission of a public question is 4 clear working days before the meeting.

The deadline for the submission of a public statement is midday the working day before the meeting.

The deadline for the submission of a petition is 10 working days before the meeting.

## 6. Provision of Taxi Ranks

At the Committee meeting on 10 March 2022 the Taxi Trade raised a question about whether the level of provision and location of hackney carriage ranks was meeting current need.

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Subsequently officers and members of the BCP Taxi Trade worked together to undertake an audit of all the ranks. Together all ranks were visited and any defects or suggestions for improvement was noted.

The provision of ranks is provided by the Highways team and following this audit the findings have been fed back to Highways for them to programme any necessary works.

**7. Request for amendments to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Policy**

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The BCP Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Policy was implemented on the 1 June 2021. This replaced the three policies of the previous legacy authorities.

The BCP Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trade Association (BCP Trade) have made a request to amend the current BCP Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Policy 2021 in respect to

- increasing the initial maximum licensable age of non-wheelchair accessible vehicles which is currently 3.5 years.
- delay the date that all vehicles must meet the Euro 6 emission standard which is currently 31 December 2023.

**8. Forward Plan**

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To consider, update as required and agree the Committee's Forward Plan.

No other items of business can be considered unless the Chair decides the matter is urgent for reasons that must be specified and recorded in the Minutes.