

Notice of Licensing Committee



Date: Thursday, 12 March 2026 at 10.00 am

Venue: HMS Phoebe, BCP Civic Centre, Bournemouth BH2 6DY

Membership:

Chairman:

Cllr D A Flagg

Vice Chairman:

Cllr A Keddie

Cllr S Bartlett

Cllr A Chapmanlaw

Cllr G Farquhar

Cllr D Farr

Cllr A Filer

Cllr E Harman

Cllr P Hilliard

Cllr M Howell

Cllr C Matthews

Cllr J Richardson

Cllr P Sidaway

Cllr L Williams

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=5839>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Michelle Cutler 01202 128581 michelle.cutler@bcpcouncil.gov.uk or Democratic Services on 01202 096660 or email Democratic.Services@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Press enquiries should be directed to the Press Office: Tel: 01202 118686 or email press.office@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

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AIDAN DUNN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

4 March 2026

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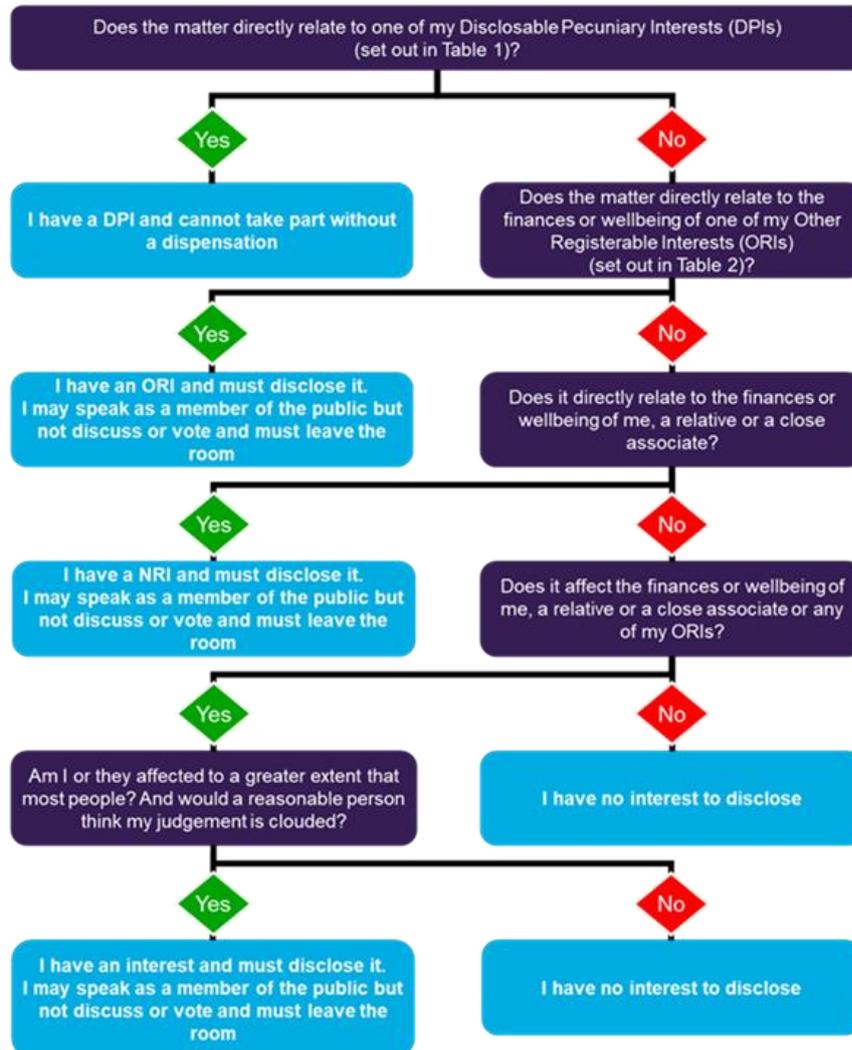


Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

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

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 meeting held on 11 December 2025 and the Licensing Sub Committee meetings held on 10, 16 December 2025 and 7 and 21 January and 18 February 2026.

Note: The exempt section of the minutes where relevant will also be appended as restricted documents.

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.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bcr=1>

The deadline for the submission of a public question is midday 6 March 2026 [midday 3 clear working days before the meeting].

The deadline for the submission of a public statement is midday 11 March 2026 [midday the working day before the meeting].

The deadline for the submission of a petition is 26 February 2026 [10 working days before the meeting].

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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| <p>6. Taxi licensing fee setting 2026-27</p> <p>To consider the level of fees charged by BCP Council for the administration of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licensing regime.</p> <p>The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows local authorities to set the fees charged to recover the costs associated with the administration and compliance of licensing drivers of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles.</p> <p>Any change to the fees for vehicles and Private Hire Operators is subject to a 28-day minimum consultation period</p> | <p>49 - 58</p> |
| <p>7. Review of the Hackney Carriage maximum fares and charges tariff</p> <p>A request has been received by Mr David Lane on behalf of BCP taxi private hire association for amendments to the current Hackney Carriage Tariff.</p> <p>The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows the Council to fix the rates or fares within the district for time as well as distance.</p> <p>Any change in the tariff will be reflected across all three current Hackney Carriage zones within BCP Council conurbation.</p> | <p>59 - 78</p> |
| <p>8. Forward Plan</p> <p>To consider, amend as required and agree the Forward Plan.</p> | <p>79 - 82</p> |

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