

Licensing Committee

Tuesday 8th December 2020

10.00 am

A virtual meeting using Zoom meeting software

The following members are requested to attend the meeting.

Chairman: David Recardo Vice-chairman: Wes Read

Dave Bulmer
Tony Lock
Crispin Raikes
Linda Vijeh
Martin Wale
Jason Baker
Karl Gill
Jenny Kenton
Kevin Messenger
Paul Rowsell

Jeny Snell Andy Soughton William Wallace

Any members of the public wishing to address the meeting need to email democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk by 9.00am on Monday 7th December 2020.

The meeting will be viewable online by selecting the committee meeting at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSDst3IHGj9WoGnwJGF_soA

For further information on the items to be discussed, please contact democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk

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Alex Parmley, Chief Executive Officer

This information is also available on our website www.southsomerset.gov.uk and via the mod.gov app

Members Questions on reports prior to the Meeting

Members of the Committee are requested to contact report authors on points of clarification prior to the Committee meeting.

Information for the Public

The Licensing Committee shall be responsible for those functions listed in part 3 of the Constitution as being the responsibility of the Committee. This will include licensing matters referred to it by officers, in accordance with the Officer Scheme of Delegation, such as contested public entertainment licences, and applications for taxi driver licences where the officer considers the application should be determined by members. The Committee shall also be responsible for all the functions assigned to it under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Statutory Licensing Committee has responsibility for all activities under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005 except for policies and fees. Established under the Licensing Act 2003, it exercises the functions of the Licensing Authority which itself is the Council.

The Other Licensing Committee can be responsible for all other licensing matters. Established by the Council under discretionary power contained in Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972.

It is lawful for the membership of the two committees to be the same, but they are differently constituted and run under different powers.

Licensing Committee agendas and minutes are published on the Council's website at: http://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/ieDocHome.aspx?bcr=1

The Council's Constitution is also on the web site and available for inspection in council offices.

Meetings of the Licensing Committee are held quarterly usually in the Council Offices, Brympton Way - However during the coronavirus pandemic these meetings will be held remotely via Zoom video-conferencing. For more details on the regulations regarding remote/virtual meetings please see the Local Authorities and Police and Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 as part of the Coronavirus Act 2020.

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We recognise that these are challenging times but we still value the public's contribution to our virtual meetings. The public are able to participate and contribute to the meeting, you will need to be able to access the meeting through Zoom at: https://zoom.us/join

Each individual speaker shall be restricted to a total of three minutes. The period allowed for public participation usually shall not exceed 15 minutes.

If you would like to address the virtual meeting during public participation, please email democracy@southsomerset.gov.uk by 9.00am on Monday 7th December 2020. When you have registered, an officer will provide the details to join the meeting. The Chairman will invite you to speak at the appropriate time during the virtual meeting.

If you would like to view the meeting without participating, please see: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSDst3IHGj9WoGnwJGF_soA

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- Consider joining the meeting early to ensure your technology is working correctly.
- Please note that we will mute all public attendees to minimise background noise.
 If you have registered to speak during the virtual meeting, the Chairman will unmute your microphone at the appropriate time.
- Each individual speaker shall be restricted to a total of five minutes.
- When speaking, keep your points clear and concise.
- Please speak clearly the Councillors are interested in your comments.

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Any member of the public has the right not to be recorded. If anyone making public representation does not wish to be recorded they must let the Chairperson know.

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Agenda

Preliminary Items

1. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Previous Meetings

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous Licensing Committee meeting held on 8th September 2020.

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee meetings held on 18th August 2020.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the Council's current Code of Conduct (as amended 26 February 2015), which includes all the provisions relating to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), personal and prejudicial interests, Members are asked to declare any DPI and also any personal interests (and whether or not such personal interests are also "prejudicial") in relation to any matter on the Agenda for this meeting.

4. Public Participation at Committees

a) Questions/comments from members of the public

This is a chance for members of the public and representatives of Parish/Town Councils to participate in the meeting by asking questions, making comments and raising matters of concern.

Items for Discussion

- 5. Update on the Taxi Licensing Policy (Pages 5 7)
- 6. Exclusion of Press and Public (Page 8)
- 7. Permission to apply for a non-wheelchair accessible Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence (Confidential) (Pages 9 12)
- **8. Date of Next Meeting** (Page 13)