

Agenda

Meeting:	Licensing Sub-Committee
Date:	11 April 2023
Time:	10.30 am
Place:	Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone

To: To all members of the Licensing Sub Committee

The sub-committee will consider the matters listed below at the date, time and place shown above. The meeting will be open to the press and public.

Members of the sub-committee who wish to have information on any matter arising on the Agenda which is not fully covered in these papers are requested to give notice prior to the meeting to the Chairman or appropriate officer.

This meeting will be webcast live to the council's website at <u>https://folkestone-hythe.public-i.tv/core/portal/home</u>.

Although unlikely, no guarantee can be made that Members of the public in attendance will not appear in the webcast footage. It is therefore recommended that anyone with an objection to being filmed does not enter the council chamber.

Please note there will be 37 seats available for members of the public, which will be reserved for those speaking or participating at the meeting. The remaining available seats will be given on a first come, first served basis.

- 1. Election of Chairman for the meeting
- 2. Apologies of absence
- 3. Declarations of interest (Pages 3 4)

Queries about the agenda? Need a different format?

Contact Sue Lewis – Tel: 01303 853265 Email: <u>committee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk</u> or download from our website www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk Members of the Council should declare any interests which fall under the following categories:

- a) disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI)
- b) other significant interests (OSI)
- c) voluntary announcements of other interests

4. **Declarations of lobbying**

Members should complete the enclosed yellow form and return it to the Committee Administrator at the meeting.

a) Exclusion of the public

To exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it is likely to disclose exempt information, as defined in paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 –

'Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.'

5. **Review of Taxi Driver License (Pages 5 - 14)**

This report considers whether action should be taken against a Dual Driver's licence following it coming to our attention that the driver has more than 7 penalty points on their DVLA licence.

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7. Review of Taxi Operator Licence (Pages 23 - 28)

This report considers whether action should be taken against a Taxi Operator's licence following it having over 12 penalty points issued against it.

Declarations of Interest

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a Member has a new or registered DPI in a matter under consideration they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

Other Significant Interest (OSI)

Where a Member is declaring an OSI they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

Voluntary Announcement of Other Interests (VAOI)

Where a Member does not have either a DPI or OSI but is of the opinion that for transparency reasons alone s/he should make an announcement in respect of a matter under consideration, they can make a VAOI. A Member declaring a VAOI may still remain at the meeting and vote on the matter under consideration.

Note to the Code:

Situations in which a Member may wish to make a VAOI include membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items; where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person; or where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position. It should be emphasised that an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI.

By virtue of paragraph(s) 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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Declarations of Lobbying

Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee are asked to indicate if they have been lobbied or not, and if so, how they have been (i.e., letter, telephone call, etc.) in respect of the applications below:

Application No.

Type of lobbying

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SIGNED:

When completed, please return this form to the Committee Administrator at the meeting.