



Notice of Meeting of

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 11 April 2024 at 2.00 pm

John Meikle Room, The Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton TA1 1HE

To: The members of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Chair: Councillor Simon Carswell

Vice-chair: Councillor Marcus Kravis

Councillor Peter Clayton

Councillor Hugh Davies

Councillor Tony Lock

Councillor Mike Murphy

Councillor Tom Power

Councillor Diogo Rodrigues

Councillor Andy Soughton

Councillor Simon Coles

Councillor Lance Duddridge

Councillor Martin Lovell

Councillor Connor Payne

Councillor Tony Robbins

Councillor Brian Smedley

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The meeting will be webcast and an audio recording made.

Issued by David Clark (the Proper Officer) on Tuesday 2 April 2024.

AGENDA

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Public Guidance Notes contained in Agenda Annexe (Pages 5 - 6)

Click here to join the online meeting (Pages 7 - 8)

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 12)

To approve the minutes from the previous meeting held on Thursday 15 February 2024.

3 Declarations of Interest

To receive and note any declarations of interests in respect of any matters included on the agenda for consideration at this meeting.

(The other registrable interests of Councillors of Somerset Council, arising from membership of City, Town or Parish Councils and other Local Authorities will automatically be recorded in the minutes: [City, Town & Parish Twin Hatters - Somerset Councillors 2023](#)).

4 Public Question Time

The Chair to advise the Committee of any items on which members of the public have requested to speak and advise those members of the public present of the details of the Council's public participation scheme.

For those members of the public who have submitted any questions or statements, please note, a three minute time limit applies to each speaker and you will be asked to speak before Councillors debate the issue.

We are now live webcasting most of our committee meetings and you are welcome to view and listen to the discussion. The link to each webcast will be available on the meeting webpage, please see details under 'click here to join online meeting'.

5 Hackney carriage and private hire vehicle testing and emergency equipment (Pages 13 - 116)

To consider a report on the proposed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Testing and Emergency Equipment Policy which would lead to the changes outlined in Appendices 2 to 9.

6 Minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committees (Pages 117 - 136)

To note the minutes of Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committees held since the previous Licensing and Regulatory Committee.