



Council

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Business of extraordinary meetings of the Full Council – Procedure Rule 3.2 states:

“Unless the Chairman is of the opinion that an item should be considered as a matter of urgency, Full Council will only consider the business which is specified in the notice of the extraordinary meeting. Petitions, questions, deputations and statements will be accepted only if they relate to the business for which the extraordinary meeting has been arranged”. This means that only questions relating to the report on the dispensation to councillors for non-attendance at committee meetings will be accepted unless the Chairman decides that the matter is urgent.

Due to Covid-19 the Council has put in place new arrangements to enable virtual Full Council and committee meetings to take place during the pandemic period and has introduced temporary standing orders to reflect the new legislation. Subject to the statement above members of the public or a town or parish council can submit a written question or statement of no more than 450 words which will be published as a supplement to the agenda prior to the meeting. Although the questions and statements cannot be read out at the meeting the appropriate Portfolio Holder will provide a response to any questions received as part of the meeting.

The full text of the question or statement must be received by 8.30am on Tuesday 9 June 2020.

Details of the Council’s temporary procedure rules can be found at:

[Temporary Standing Orders](#)

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Question submitted for Public Participation Period

Question - submitted by John Calvert

Agenda Item 7 Dispensation for non-attendance at meetings of Dorset Council

I am a resident of the Dorset Council Area and I remember instances of County Councillors not attending many meetings in the 'old days'

I do not understand why Dorset Council is being asked to introduce a blanket dispensation until May 2021.

If councillors are seriously ill throughout six months the Full Council could sort it.

If councillors miss one meeting out of one then surely again the Full Council could sort it.

If councillors have difficulty with Virtual Meetings surely the Council's officers could sort that out.

If a councillor's committee doesn't meet for six months surely they can't be barred for not attending non-existent meetings.

We need committed representatives particularly at this difficult time.

All in all, the question comes down to; what is the real problem, if any, that this measure is supposed to fix?

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