

FORM FOR PROPOSALS FOR DAPTC AGM

To be submitted by 12 noon Friday 24th September 2021

NAME OF COUNCIL ...Blandford Forum Town Council

Please note that the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) requests this information and careful completion of the form will increase the chances of a proposal being accepted by NALC

1. Please give the motion your Council would like considered at the DAPTC AGM

At the full council meeting held on 12th July 2021, it was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Osborne and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council requests that, with the new Code of Conduct in place which is considered to be lacking in means of enforcement, the government continues to be lobbied for stronger penalties should Councillors breach the Code of Conduct.

2. Please give the reason (as thoroughly as possible) why your Council is submitting this motion.

The council was disappointed with the revised Code of Conduct and the current sanctions available to local authorities are insufficient.

3. Please state how this issue is affecting parish and town councils in Dorset (with case study evidence please) and try not to duplicate answers from previous questions please.

Both clerks and councillors across numerous councils in Dorset are suffering due to unacceptable behaviour from the minority, which has a detrimental impact on individuals.

4. If you have information on how this issue is affecting parish and town councils nationally and why this is a national issue please give this and try not to duplicate answers from earlier questions please.

It is clear from local government publications, and discussions held at local, regional and national level that – despite the efforts made by county associations, the SLCC and NALC – many councils are disappointed with the revised code and would welcome stronger penalties.

5. If relevant, please tell us exactly what aspect of national parish policy your Council would like NALC to lobby Government on (with case study evidence please).

N/A

6. If you have the information, please tell us exactly which part of primary or secondary legislation (or secondary regulation/statutory instrument) your Council would like to be changed as a result of NALC/local lobbying.

N/A

7. If relevant, please state what other action your Council would like NALC and its Policy Committee to take if this motion is adopted.

- Write to NALC's Chair to encourage support and a focus on the motion
- Engage with Monitoring Officers to encourage county wide support for stronger sanctions
- Write to Dorset MPs seeking support

8. If you have the information, please confirm the names of any other organisation or local council that formally support your Council's motion.

The DAPTC Executive Committee considered the motion favourably at a recent meeting.

Efforts have not been made by BFTC to confirm support from other councils.

If you have any supporting documents to be jointly considered with your Council's motion – please e-mail them with this form to DAPTC.