

## Shaping Dorset's Future Board

### Terms of Reference

#### **PROPOSE**

The Shaping Dorset's Future Board will lead the approach to ensure full engagement with all County Council members around the options and proposals for devolution (including 'double devolution' to Town and Parish councils), unitary authorities and the combined authority. The Board and supporting workstreams are cross party and those taking part are committed to communicating the outputs of meetings widely. Information from a variety of sources will be made available through the Shaping Dorset's Future Board and will include a range of material that will support member's knowledge on these important issues.

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY**

The Board is accountable to and makes recommendations to the Full Council and will maintain lines of communication with the Forward Together Board, Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Group Leaders.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- To provide strategic direction and support the development of the business case for unitary and the public consultation on options
- To lead the development of the 'asks and offers', required for the Dorset Devolution Submission.
- To oversee and provide support to the workstreams.
- To work with appropriate officers to ensure feasibility of delivery of any asks and offers proposed, including governance, accountability and finance
- To work with the other local authorities to arrive at a shared vision and develop the proposals for Local Government Reform.
- To develop proposals for an enhanced role for Parish and Town Councils through 'double devolution', and to safeguard the historic status and traditions
- To liaise and inform other public sector organisations that may be impacted by any proposals
- Maintain a focus on turning high level ambitions into a programme of action
- Provide regular reports to sponsoring groups.
- Manage any funding allocated to this project.

#### **WORKSTREAMS**

The Board will be supported by workstreams, some of which will be task and finish. The initial workstreams are:

##### **1. Public Service Reform**

- a) Health, Integration and Community Development (Prevention) (wider public service – Police, Fire, NHS and CCG)

## **2. Shaping Services**

- a) Unitary Options – Business Case – Unitary options across Dorset
- b) Double Devolution – Options to support local delivery and development of services based around geography
- c) Governance Development – Combined Authority

## **3. Consultation and Communications**

Keeping everyone involved and informed including consultation with committees. It is proposed that the programme and each workstream needs a member lead, an officer lead, support and a direct connection into the pan Dorset development partners – Public Services and Local Government.