

# Agenda

Dorset County Council



Meeting: County Council  
Time: 10.00 am  
Date: 21 July 2016  
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester DT1 1XJ

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Andrew Cattaway (Chairman)	Hilary Cox (Vice-Chairman)	Pauline Batstone
Richard Biggs	Steve Butler	Mike Byatt
Andy Canning	Ronald Coatsworth	Robin Cook
Toni Coombs	Barrie Cooper	Deborah Croney
Lesley Dedman	Janet Dover	Fred Drane
Beryl Ezzard	Peter Finney	Spencer Flower
Ian Gardner	Robert Gould	Peter Hall
Matthew Hall	David Harris	Jill Haynes
Colin Jamieson	Susan Jefferies	Mervyn Jeffery
David Jones	Trevor Jones	Ros Kayes
Paul Kimber	Rebecca Knox	Mike Lovell
David Mannings	Margaret Phipps	Peter Richardson
Ian Smith	Clare Sutton	Mark Tewkesbury
William Trite	Daryl Turner	David Walsh
Peter Wharf	Kate Wheller	

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- **Public Participation**

Guidance on public participation at County Council meetings is available on request or at <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/374629>.

**(a) Public Speaking**

Members of the public can ask questions and make statements at the meeting. The closing date for us to receive questions is 10.00am on 18 July 2016, and statements by midday the day before the meeting.

**(b) Petitions**

The Committee will consider petitions submitted in accordance with the County Council's Petition Scheme.

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## 1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

## 2. **Code of Conduct**

Councillors are required to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 regarding disclosable pecuniary interests.

- Check if there is an item of business on this agenda in which the member or other relevant person has a disclosable pecuniary interest.
- Check that the interest has been notified to the Monitoring Officer (in writing) and entered in the Register (if not this must be done on the form available from the clerk within 28 days).
- Disclose the interest at the meeting (in accordance with the County Council's Code of Conduct) and in the absence of a dispensation to speak and/or vote, withdraw from any consideration of the item.

The Register of Interests is available on Dorsetforyou.com and the list of disclosable pecuniary interests is set out on the reverse of the form.

## 3. **Minutes**

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To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2016.

## 4. **Public Participation**

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### (a) **Public Speaking**

### (b) **Petitions**

To consider the submission of the following petitions:-

- (i) Save Sandmartins Activity Club
- (ii) Campaign 40 - A35 Roeshot Hill/Lyndhurst Road

## 5. **Chairman's Announcements**

To deal with correspondence, communications or other business brought forward by the Chairman.

- (a) Deaths of Former Members of the Council
- (b) Chairman's Announcements

## 6. **Leader's Announcements**

To deal with business raised by the Leader of the Council which is not otherwise raised under any other item on the agenda. Questions from members will be invited on the issues raised by the Leader.

## 7. **Motions**

To consider the following motions submitted by members of the Council. In accordance with Standing Order 17, motions which if adopted would constitute the exercise of an executive function, shall be presented to the Council by the proposer and be referred automatically to the appropriate Committee without debate by the Council. The motion will be placed on the next appropriate agenda. The appropriate Committee will then consider how the motion will be

dealt with.

Unless determined otherwise by the Chairman the maximum time to be allowed to present each motion shall be 10 minutes.

Paul Kimber (County Councillor for Portland Tophill): Economic Opportunities for Devon and East Dorset

The motion is seconded by Kate Wheller (County Councillor for Portland Harbour)

“This Dorset County Council ensures that the proposed National Park is seriously considered as part of discussions on local government re-organisation.”

Economic Opportunities for Dorset and East Devon

For the past couple of years, in response to an initiative from Natural England, a team from Dorset and East Devon has been developing proposals for the designation of a National Park, first put forward in a Government report of 1945. Natural England has given the proposal a positive first assessment.

Britain’s National Parks are world-famous for their outstanding scenery and environments. Much less well-known is their success in promoting thriving and resilient rural economies and communities.

An independent report on the “*Economic Opportunities, Benefits and Wider Impacts of a Dorset and East Devon National Park*” is now available:

[www.dorsetandedevonnp.co.uk/news](http://www.dorsetandedevonnp.co.uk/news)

The key messages we take from the report are as follows. A Dorset & East Devon National Park would:

- Offer opportunities, benefits and advantages to the economy and businesses in the National Park and throughout Dorset and East Devon.
- Promote thriving local communities, including affordable housing, key services, employment and skills.
- Bring additional and more certain resources to the area, including central government funding which might amount to £10m annually, plus other sources of income. The Government has assured National Parks of future funding and support.
- Conserve and enhance the area’s environment, which is our greatest economic asset.

Local government re-organisation provides an opportunity for Dorset councils to include a National Park as part of a Devolution proposal to government in 2017. A companion study examines how the National Park Authority would work efficiently with a Unitary Authority on service delivery and financial outcomes. We see these studies as significant contributions to Dorset councils’ and others’ consideration of this question.

We look forward to discussing with all interested partners the significant opportunities which a National Park would offer.

Dorset & East Devon National Park Team

A National Park Delivers Greater Influence for Rural Communities

A new discussion paper [www.dorsetandedevonnp.co.uk/news](http://www.dorsetandedevonnp.co.uk/news) examines how the Dorset & E Devon National Park Authority (NPA) would deliver greater influence for rural communities, as well as working efficiently with partner Local Authorities to improve services and financial outcomes. Benefitting all communities, a National Park would bring:

- Additional and more certain funding benefitting all councils, communities and the economy. In addition to an assured central government grant of maybe £10 million per year, NPAs secure further funding and help others eg farmers to do so.
- A stronger partnership way of working. A NPA is a partnership and operates through partnerships. A small % of NPA funding goes on running costs. The vast majority is spent through partnerships with communities, farmers, landowners, businesses, the not-for-profit sector.
- Enhanced local representation, influence and voice for rural communities. Elected council representatives make up three quarters of the NPA, and Parish and Town Councils are a third of these. A NPA would strengthen grass roots democratic influence and representation.
- Enhanced Planning influence and capability. A NPA would ensure local control of Planning, with no Government-imposed housing targets. It makes the Local and Management Plan for the NP in consultation with communities and others. NPAs approve a higher % of planning applications than other Local Authorities because they work hard for good, sustainable development in the right places, to support communities, local affordable housing, employment, and services.
- Increased coherence and expertise. A NPA would bring joined up thinking, policy and delivery across the environment and economy, and expertise eg in land management, conservation, heritage, recreation, community liaison, and Planning.

Our National Parks not only conserve and enhance our environment and heritage, they also promote thriving and resilient rural economies and communities.

This important aspect is covered in an independent study: "*Economic Opportunities, Benefits and Wider Impacts of a Dorset and East Devon National Park*": [www.dorsetandedevonnp.co.uk/news](http://www.dorsetandedevonnp.co.uk/news)

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Paul Kimber (County Councillor for Tophill): Independent Co-operative Businesses

The motion is seconded by Kate Wheller (County Councillor for Portland Harbour)

**“The Council notes:**

- That there are nearly 7,000 independent co-operative businesses across the UK, each owned and democratically run by their customers, employees, suppliers or members of their local community.
- Today, the co-operative movement is a significant part of the UK's economy, growing by 21% to £33billion, and outperforming the economy as a whole during the recent recession.
- The number of people who own and control the UK's co-operatives has grown by to 17.5m - nearly a quarter of the UK's population. From credit unions to community farms – the rise in co-operative ownership is a significant development for the UK's business sector, meaning that the number of co-op members continues to outstrip the number of shareholders in the UK.

### **This Council believes:**

- That the co-operative model provides a sustainable way of providing local government services that empower residents, service users and employees, giving them a fair share and an equal say.
- Local Councils up and down the country have already put these values into practice in a number of ways, for example developing the co-operative sector, resident and employee owned companies and co-operative schools.
- That the Council has the opportunity to “choose co-operative” when considering the future of local services, giving residents and communities more of a say in their area.

### **Therefore, we call on the Council to:**

- Work to incorporate co-operative values and principles when planning services and in its engagement with local residents.
- Publicise existing co-operative good practice within the council
- Hold and meet event for local co-operatives to engage with the Council.”

### Andy Canning (County Councillor for Linden Lea): Racism and Xenophobia

The motion is seconded by Janet Dover (County Councillor for Colehill and Stapehill)

“In the post Brexit vote context, the Council wishes to affirm we are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. Dorset County Council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

We reaffirm our commitment to ensure that local bodies and programmes have the support and resources they need to tackle racism and xenophobia.

We reassure all people living in Dorset, regardless of their nationality, that they are valued members of our community.”

### **8. Exploring Options for the Future of Local Government in Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole**

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To consider a report by the Chief Executive.

### **9. Questions from County Councillors**

The Chairman of the Council, Leader of the Council, Cabinet Members, or chairmen of appropriate committees to answer questions on any business not covered on this agenda. The closing date for the receipt of questions is 10.00am on 18 July 2016. This item is limited to 45 minutes.

### **Cabinet**

The Chairman of the Cabinet to present and move the adoption of the following reports and to answer questions, if any, under Standing Order 19:-

### **10. Meeting held on 4 May 2016**

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### **11. Meeting held on 25 May 2016**

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### **12. Meeting held on 29 June 2016**

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Recommendation 104 - Youth Justice Plan for 2016/17

### Overview and Scrutiny Committees

The Chairmen of overview and scrutiny committees to present and move the adoption of the following reports and to answer questions, if any, under Standing Order 19:-

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| 13. | <b>Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Meeting held on 15 June 2016</b>        | 83 - 92   |
| 14. | <b>People and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Meeting held on 16 June 2016</b> | 93 - 102  |
| 15. | <b>Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Meeting held on 14 June 2016</b>           | 103 - 108 |
| 16. | <b>Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee - Meeting held on 2 June 2016</b>                        | 109 - 114 |

### Recommendations from Committees

The Chairmen of the relevant committees to present and move the adoption of the following recommendations and to answer questions, if any, on the proceedings in respect of the recommendations below:-

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| 17. | <b>Constitutional Changes</b><br>Recommendation from the Audit and Governance Committee held on 8 June 2016.  | 115 - 128 |
| 18. | <b>Officer Pay, Terms and Conditions</b><br>Recommendation from the Staffing Committee held on 4 July 2016.   | 129 - 146 |
| 19. | <b>Members' Allowances Scheme 2016/2017 - Special Responsibility Allowances</b><br>To consider a report by the Independent Remuneration Panel.              | 147 - 150 |
| 20. | <b>Appointments to Committees</b><br>To agree any changes to the chairmanship or membership of committees, including any changes notified by Group Leaders. |           |

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### Notes for Members

- Coffee/tea will be available in the Members' Room before and after the meeting.
  - A lunch will be provided for councillors and officers in the Members' Room following the meeting.
  - A seminar will be held for all members in Committee Room 1 following the meeting in relation to the Future of Local Government.
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