

Agenda

Dorset County Council



Meeting: County Council
 Time: 10.00 am
 Date: 26 April 2018
 Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester DT1 1XJ

Hilary Cox (Chairman)	Andrew Parry (Vice-Chairman)	Jon Andrews
Shane Bartlett	Pauline Batstone	Derek Beer
Richard Biggs	Kevin Brookes	Cherry Brooks
Ray Bryan	Steve Butler	Andy Canning
Graham Carr-Jones	Andrew Cattaway	Toni Coombs
Deborah Croney	Keith Day	Lesley Dedman
Janet Dover	Jean Dunseith	Beryl Ezzard
Tony Ferrari	Spencer Flower	Katharine Garcia
Peter Hall	David Harris	Jill Haynes
Nick Ireland	Colin Jamieson	Susan Jefferies
David Jones	Rebecca Knox	Steven Lugg
Jon Orrell	Mary Penfold	Margaret Phipps
Bill Pipe	Byron Quayle	Mark Roberts
David Shortell	Clare Sutton	William Trite
Daryl Turner	David Walsh	Peter Wharf
Kate Wheller		

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 Chief Executive

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1. Chairman

To elect the Chairman of the County Council for 2018/19.

2. Vice-Chairman

To appoint the Vice-Chairman of the County Council for 2018/19.

3. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

4. Minutes

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2018.

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5. Code of Conduct

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6. 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

7. Public Participation

- (a) Public Speaking
- (b) Petitions

8. Motions

To consider the following motion 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. At the discretion of the Chairman, debate and decision may take place in relation to strategically important issues raised within motions.

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

Cllr Clare Sutton, County Councillor for Rodwell: Social Mobility in Weymouth and Portland

The motion is seconded by: Cllr Jon Orrell, County Councillor for Weymouth Town

'Many members will be aware that:

- in the Social Mobility Commission's Report published 28 November 2017, Weymouth and Portland came 322nd out of 324 local authority areas in England, whereas Dorset overall (the current DCC area) came out around the national average, and;
- the excellent report 'State of Dorset 2018 – Deprivation' from our own Dorset Statistics identifies 12 smaller areas in Dorset that are amongst the top 20% nationally for multiple deprivation. Nine of the twelve are within Weymouth or Portland, and;
- Weymouth and Portland fare extremely poorly both nationally and within the DCC context on a number of other indices. For example:
 - 41% of jobs pay less than Living Wage Foundations' Living Wage (the DCC average is 23%)
 - Unemployment is almost double the Dorset average, and;
- the Equalities Impact Assessment included in Committee Reports often states that: "the prioritisation of resources in order to challenge inequalities in outcomes for Dorset's people is fundamental to the Corporate Plan".

In light of all this, I call upon this Council to:

- a. Reaffirm its overall commitment to improving equality of opportunity within Dorset
- b. Recognise that the allocation of its resources can do much to assist this
- c. Acknowledge that Weymouth and Portland faces particular challenges in the context of Dorset and, most specifically,
- d. In light of LGR and other developments, when deciding where to physically locate certain services going forward, especially where skilled jobs are involved, for example Planning Services, give special consideration to the fact that, if it is to thrive, Weymouth and Portland NEED these jobs'

Cllr Susan Jefferies, County Councillor for Corfe Mullen: Electoral Arrangements

The motion is seconded by: Cllr Nick Ireland, County Councillor for Linden Lea.

'This Council requests that the Government provides for elections to the Dorset Council in 2019 to be conducted by a system of proportional representation.'

9. Leader's Announcements

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

10. Local Government Reorganisation in Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole 15 - 18

To consider a report by the Chief Executive.

11. 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 23 April 2018. This item is limited to 45 minutes.

12. **Appointments to Committees** 19 - 24

To agree any changes to the chairmanship or membership of committees, including any changes notified by Group Leaders.

13. **Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees** 25 - 26

To consider a report by the Chief Executive.

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:-

14. **Meeting held on 7 March 2018** 27 - 36

15. **Meeting held on 4 April 2018** 37 - 42

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:-

16. **Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Meeting held on 13 March 2018** 43 - 48

17. **People and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Meeting held on 21 March 2018** 49 - 56

18. **Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Meeting held on 26 March 2018** 57 - 62

19. **Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee - Meeting held on 8 March 2018** 63 - 68

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.
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County Council

Minutes of the meeting held at County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester,
DT1 1XJ on Thursday, 15 February 2018.

Present:

Hilary Cox (Chairman)

Andrew Parry (Vice-Chairman)

Jon Andrews, Shane Bartlett, Pauline Batstone, Derek Beer, Richard Biggs, Kevin Brookes, Cherry Brooks, Ray Bryan, Steve Butler, Graham Carr-Jones, Andrew Cattaway, Toni Coombs, Deborah Croney, Jean Dunseith, Beryl Ezzard, Tony Ferrari, Spencer Flower, Katharine Garcia, Peter Hall, David Harris, Jill Haynes, Nick Ireland, Colin Jamieson, Susan Jefferies, David Jones, Rebecca Knox, Jon Orrell, Mary Penfold, Margaret Phipps, Byron Quayle, David Shortell, William Trite, Daryl Turner, David Walsh, Peter Wharf and Kate Wheller.

Officers Attending: Debbie Ward (Chief Executive), Richard Bates (Chief Financial Officer), Maxine Bodell (Economy, Planning and Transport Services Manager), Nick Jarman (Interim Director for Children's Services), Jonathan Mair (Head of Organisational Development - Monitoring Officer), Lee Gallagher (Democratic Services Manager) and Fiona King (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

(Note: These minutes have been prepared by officers as a record of the meeting and of any decisions reached. They are to be considered and confirmed at the next meeting of the County Council to be held on **Thursday, 26 April 2018.**)

Apologies for Absence

1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Andy Canning, Keith Day, Lesley Dedman, Janet Dover, Steven Lugg, Bill Pipe and Clare Sutton.

Code of Conduct

2 There were no declarations by members of disclosable pecuniary interests under the Code of Conduct.

The Chairman clarified that there was a standing dispensation in place for all members, as residents of Dorset, to be able to discuss the County Council budget and set Council Tax.

Minutes

3 The minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2017 were confirmed and signed.

Public Participation

Public Speaking

4 There were no public questions received at the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 21(1).

There were no public questions received at the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 21(2).

Petitions

There were no petitions received at the meeting in accordance with the County Council's Petition Scheme.

Chairman's Announcements

5 The Chairman reported on a number of deaths of councillors who had served on the County Council, as detailed below:

- Gil Streets, Beaminster division between 1993 and 2005, and as Deputy Leader of the County Council from 1997 to 2001
- Peter Staples, Mudeford and Wingfield division between 1985 and 1993
- Basil Ratcliffe, Southbourne division between 1989 and 1997
- Ruth Bussey, Verwood division between 1989 and 2001
- June Payne, Christchurch Central division between 1981 and 1997
- Dr John Milward, West Southbourne/Southbourne division between 1981 and 1997
- Mervyn Jeffery, Shaftesbury division between 2009 and 2017

Members paid tribute to the dedication and commitment of the former members to Dorset and within their division. The County Council then stood in silent tribute.

The Chairman reported the following events since the last meeting which included a number of carol services prior to Christmas; citizenship ceremonies; and the election of the Members of Youth Parliament.

The Chairman also welcomed Cllr Nick Ireland in his new role as the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group.

Leader's Announcements

6 The Leader of the Council reported on the following issues facing the Council, and invited questions from all members:

County Council staff

The Leader referred to all staff and highlighted they were the council's most valuable asset. Collaborative working was providing an opportunity for staff to do a lot more working together both in the private and public sector. Investing in staff and their successes was very important and highlighted a few of the recent successes:

- Legal Services had been shortlisted in the recent MJ Awards for their innovation in legal services which was now providing a much more efficient and speedier service.
- Public Health, the County Council was leading in this area and there was some great work ongoing. They had recently received a poster award.
- Highways, had been shortlisted for an award at the Association of public Sector Excellence and Innovation Awards for their work with town and parish councils in respect of minor highway maintenance.

Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group

The Leader thanked the previous Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, Ros Kayes, for her collaboration and working together approach for addressing some difficult issues. She then welcomed Cllr Nick Ireland as the new Leader of the Group.

Questions from County Councillors

7 A question was asked under Standing Order 20 by the County Councillor for Ferndown to the Cabinet Member for Natural and Built Environment in relation to a Joint Tree Planting Strategy. The question and answer are attached as an annexure to these minutes.

Meeting held on 6 December 2017

8 Resolved

That the report of the meeting held on 6 December 2017 be adopted.

Meeting held on 17 January 2018**9 Resolved**

That the report of the meeting held on 17 January 2018 be adopted.

Meeting held on 31 January 2018

10 In advance of the budget debate, the following issue was raised in relation to the minutes of the Cabinet on 31 January 2018:

Recommendation 18c - Asset Management Capital Priorities

Following a question regarding the demise of Carillion and the likelihood of the County Council receiving any return of funds, the Monitoring Officer explained that the position regarding the Queen Elizabeth School had been resolved a considerable time ago. A full and final settlement had been reached and therefore there was no impact on the Council because of the changes with Carillion. Communication to this effect had been sent to all members but would be recirculated outside of the meeting.

Resolved

That the report of the meeting held on 31 January 2018 be adopted.

Recommendation 18(a) - Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and Budget 2018-19 to 2020-**21**

11 (Notes: 1. Members had been granted dispensations to take part and vote in relation to the budget and council tax setting items on the agenda following the elections held in 2013, and subsequent by-elections.
2. The Chairman highlighted that the Council was required to take a recorded vote following discussion of the budget.)

Cllr Rebecca Knox, the Leader of the Council, presented the budget for 2018/19 to 2020/21 (a copy of the Leader's speech is set out in an annexure to these minutes). She proposed the recommendations put forward by the Cabinet. The proposals were seconded by Tony Ferrari, Cabinet Member for Communities and Resources.

Cllr Tony Ferrari, as the Cabinet Member for Community and Resources, spoke about the 4 key pressures for the Council's expenditure. He highlighted the negotiation with employees which had produced a larger settlement than was forecast, and whilst he was pleased staff would receive an increase it reflected negatively on the overall budget position. To deliver the same services, the following year the Council would need to spend £10m more. He referred to several demographic pressures, including the number of children in care, which was currently 446, that the population rose at between 1-2% per annum and there was more end of life care for dementia sufferers needed. He then referred to some flexibility that was available in the number of areas that the Council had chosen to invest in and highlighted the £1m recruitment drive to attract more social workers to Dorset and the move of the Dorchester Learning Centre to a more suitable location. He also highlighted the finding in foster care placements and school building programmes. He concluded by noting that this was a good budget at difficult financial time.

Cllr Nick Ireland, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, then addressed the meeting and highlighted that it had been another year of financial blight and he felt that this budget only promised more cuts. He stated that borrowing was £30m up from the previous year and that the debt was over 77% of the Council's budget, with the interest alone being nearly £8m. The County Council was now in a position of raising the maximum council tax it could and referred to the cuts in bus services which forced more cars onto the road and children were on streets from youth club closures. He also noted a concern about losing good staff because of the forthcoming Local Government Reorganisation proposals. He urged the Council to do more to influence funding from Government.

Cllr Jon Orrell, Deputy Leader of the Green Group, addressed the meeting in the absence of the Leader of the Group. He felt that in respect of funding the County Council was being penalised for delivering well. In respect of dementia care, nationally this had been ducked and deserved a national solution to a national problem. He had sympathy with the Cabinet and officers and felt that a good job had been done, making the 'best of a bad hand'. He was concerned that the people paying the price of this were the poorest, this was a regressive situation that we now found ourselves in. The gap between the rich and poor was widening. He made reference to the cuts in adult social care and asked if anything could be done to stop them.

Cllr Kate Wheller, from the Labour Group, commended the Cabinet on achieving a balanced budget but felt it had been done at the cost of the most vulnerable people in the community. She was now seeing real hardship in her division which was a very deprived and vulnerable area of the County. She pleaded for the Government to do more.

Members took the opportunity to ask questions regarding the budget setting process and items within the budget, and Cabinet members responded to each of the individual points raised. Issues raised included the change in respect of POPPS to a service which would now improve lives for all and not be restricted to just those people over 50; the social care precept and that the full 3% in this financial year would be taken and was ringfenced for social care; the strong messages that needed to be sent to the Government and Dorset MPs regarding funding.

The Cabinet Member for Health and Care responded to a question regarding the 5% increase in fairer charging money and explained this had achieved cross party approval through the Executive Advisory Panel on Pathways to Independence. There had not been any rises for around 6 years and therefore charging was not fair. Research found that this increase affected very few people and made the Council compliant with the Care Act, and there was an eligibility assessment that was undertaken regarding the ability of services users to pay.

The Leader concluded that there was not enough spend to meet the demands of the electorate and that Dorset was part of a drive with Cornwall, Devon and Somerset to campaign the Government which was supported by all MPs across the South West.

In accordance with Standing Order 44, the votes for and against Recommendation 18a.1(a) were recorded as follows:

For (28): Pauline Batstone, Kevin Brookes, Cherry Brooks, Ray Bryan, Steve Butler, Graham Carr-Jones, Andrew Cattaway, Toni Coombs, Hilary Cox, Deborah Croney, Jean Dunseith, Tony Ferrari, Spencer Flower, Katharine Garcia, Peter Hall, Jill Haynes, Colin Jamieson, David Jones, Rebecca Knox, Andrew Parry, Mary Penfold, Margaret Phipps, Byron Quayle, David Shortell, William Trite, Daryl Turner, David Walsh and Peter Wharf.

Against (0)

Abstain (10): Jon Andrews, Shane Bartlett, Derek Beer, Richard Biggs, Beryl Ezzard, David Harris, Nick Ireland, Susan Jefferies, Jon Orrell and Kate Wheller.

In accordance with Standing Order 44, the votes for and against Recommendation 18a (b, c) and 18a.2 were recorded as follows:

For (38): Jon Andrews, Shane Bartlett, Pauline Batstone, Derek Beer, Richard Biggs, Kevin Brookes, Cherry Brooks, Ray Bryan, Steve Butler, Graham Carr-Jones, Andrew Cattaway, Toni Coombs, Hilary Cox, Deborah Croney, Jean Dunseith, Beryl Ezzard, Tony Ferrari, Katharine Garcia, Peter Hall, David Harris, Jill Haynes, Nick Ireland, Colin Jamieson, Susan Jefferies, David Jones, Rebecca Knox, Jon Orrell, Andrew Parry, Mary Penfold, Margaret Phipps, Byron Quayle, David Shortell, William Trite, David Walsh, Peter Wharf and Kate Wheller.

Against (0)

Abstain (0)

In accordance with Standing Order 44, the votes for and against Recommendation 18a.3 were recorded as follows:

For (29): Pauline Batstone, Kevin Brookes, Cherry Brooks, Ray Bryan, Steve Butler, Graham Carr-Jones, Andrew Cattaway, Toni Coombs, Hilary Cox, Deborah Croney, Jean Dunseith, Tony Ferrari, Spencer Flower, Katharine Garcia, Peter Hall, Jill Haynes, Colin Jamieson, David Jones, Rebecca Knox, Andrew Parry, Mary Penfold, Margaret Phipps, Byron Quayle, David Shortell, William Trite, Daryl Turner, David Walsh, Peter Wharf and Kate Wheller.

Against (9): Jon Andrews, Shane Bartlett, Derek Beer, Richard Biggs, Beryl Ezzard, David Harris, Nick Ireland, Susan Jefferies and Jon Orrell.

Abstain (0)

Resolved

That recommendation 18a from the meeting held on 31 January 2018 be approved.

Recommendation 18(a) – Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and Budget 2018-19 to 2020-21

1. That the County Council be recommended to approve:

- a) The revenue budget strategy for 2018-19 to 2020-21;
- b) The budget requirement and precept for 2018-19; and,
- c) The position on general balances and reserves.

2. That the Chief Financial Officer present to the County Council a schedule setting out the Council Tax for each category of dwelling and the precepts on each of the Dorset Councils for 2018-19.

3. That the proposal to increase fees and charges for non-residential adult social care services by 5% in 2018-19 be approved.

Reason for Recommendations

To approve the Council Tax increase for 2018-19 and to enable work to continue to refine and manage the County Council's budget strategy for the remaining MTFP period.

Recommendation 18(b) - Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2018/19

12 In accordance with Standing Order 44, the votes for and against Recommendation 18b were recorded as follows:

For (38): Jon Andrews, Shane Bartlett, Pauline Batstone, Derek Beer, Richard Biggs, Kevin Brookes, Cherry Brooks, Ray Bryan, Steve Butler, Graham Carr-Jones, Andrew Cattaway, Toni Coombs, Hilary Cox, Deborah Croney, Jean Dunseith, Beryl Ezzard, Tony Ferrari, Spencer Flower, Katharine Garcia, Peter Hall, David Harris, Jill Haynes, Nick Ireland, Colin Jamieson, Susan Jefferies, David Jones, Rebecca Knox, Jon Orrell, Andrew Parry, Mary Penfold, Margaret Phipps, Byron Quayle, David Shortell, William Trite, Daryl Turner, David Walsh, Peter Wharf and Kate Wheller.

Against (0)

Abstain (0)

Resolved

That recommendation 18b from the meeting held on 31 January 2018 be approved.

Recommendation 18(b) – Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2018-19

That the County Council be recommended to approve:-

1. The Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2018/19 to 2020/21.
2. The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement.
3. The Treasury Management Strategy.
4. The Investment Strategy.
5. Delegation to the Chief Financial Officer to determine the most appropriate means of funding the Capital Programme.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. *The Prudential Code provided a framework under which the Council's capital finance decisions were carried out. It required the Council to demonstrate that its capital expenditure plans were affordable, external borrowing was within prudent and sustainable levels and treasury management decisions were taken in accordance with professional good practice. Adherence to the Prudential Code was mandatory as set out in the Local Government Act 2003.*
2. *This report recommended the indicators to be applied by the Council for the financial years 2018/19 to 2020/21. The successful implementation of the code would assist in our objective of developing 'public services fit for the future'.*

Recommendation 18(c) - Asset Management Capital Priorities

- 13 In accordance with Standing Order 44, the votes for and against Recommendation 18c were recorded as follows:

For (38): Jon Andrews, Shane Bartlett, Pauline Batstone, Derek Beer, Richard Biggs, Kevin Brookes, Cherry Brooks, Ray Bryan, Steve Butler, Graham Carr-Jones, Andrew Cattaway, Toni Coombs, Hilary Cox, Deborah Croney, Jean Dunseith, Beryl Ezzard, Tony Ferrari, Spencer Flower, Katharine Garcia, Peter Hall, David Harris, Jill Haynes, Nick Ireland, Colin Jamieson, Susan Jefferies, David Jones, Rebecca Knox, Jon Orrell, Andrew Parry, Mary Penfold, Margaret Phipps, Byron Quayle, David Shortell, William Trite, Daryl Turner, David Walsh, Peter Wharf and Kate Wheller.

Against (0)

Abstain (0)

Resolved

That recommendation 18c from the meeting held on 31 January 2018 be approved.

Recommendation 18(c) – Asset Management Capital Priorities

That the County Council be recommended to approve the capital programme for 2018/19 to 2020/21.

Reason for Recommendation

The available resources after taking account of committed projects were sufficient to meet the current capital programme.

People and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Meeting held on 10 January 2018

- 14 The following matters were raised in relation to the report of the meeting:

Minute 6 - Admission Arrangements 2019-20 and Transport Policy 2018-19

One member asked for justification for the rise in the cost of surplus seats for school transport and felt it was quite inhibiting especially in respect of the amount that had to be paid, on those parents with more than one child, and the times of year when it had to be paid. Cllr Deborah Croney, as the Cabinet Member for Economy, Education, Learning and Skills, advised that the decision had not yet been made as additional enquiries were being made for further information around comparators and expansion of Post 16 Transport before the Cabinet was scheduled to reconsider the matter on 7 March 2018. A conscious decision had been made several years ago to move to cost recovery and this increase was not about profiteering but ensuring the County Council could provide a cost neutral service which had not yet been achieved. The Chairman referred to the Integrated Transport Enquiry Day scheduled for Monday 26 February 2018 which would be a useful session for all members to attend.

Resolved

That the report of the meeting held on 10 January 2018 be adopted.

Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Meeting held on 24 January 2018

- 15 Resolved

That the report of the meeting held on 24 January 2018 be adopted.

Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Meeting held on 30 January 201816 **Resolved**

That the report of the meeting held on 30 January 2018 be adopted.

Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee - Meeting held on 13 November 201717 **Resolved**

That the report of the meeting held on 13 November 2018 be adopted.

Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee - Meeting held on 20 December 2017

18 The following matters were raised in relation to the report of the meeting:

Cllr Nick Ireland advised members that the Committee had met only to review the decision that had been made at the previous meeting on 13 November 2017 to make a referral to the Secretary of State for Health regarding the outcome of the Clinical Services Review. It had been a well-attended meeting with representatives from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Ambulance Trust and several presentations were given.

Cllr Jill Haynes, as the Cabinet Member for Health and Care, advised members that this item had been presented to the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee who had declined to support the referral to the Secretary of State. There had been a considerable amount of attention paid to concerns regarding which hospital people from areas, particularly in Purbeck, would be attending and the CCG and Ambulance Trust had explained this at the meeting and a decision had been taken by the Committee to not progress with the referral.

Resolved

That the report of the meeting held on 20 December 2018 be adopted.

Recommendation - Delegation of Powers: A338 Wessex Way to provide a link to the Wessex Fields Business Park and the Royal Bournemouth Hospital19 **Recommended**

That County Council supported and endorsed the proposal to delegate to Bournemouth Borough Council the determination of the planning application for a new road junction on the A338 at Wessex Fields and the Royal Bournemouth Hospital to Bournemouth Borough Council.

Reason for Decision

To avoid duplication of work and to reduce the potential risk of a legal challenge arising from two different planning authorities interpreting and carrying out planning procedures in a slightly different way.

Recommendation - Constitutional Changes

20 It was highlighted that the Regulatory Committee had a lot of work to do in the coming months and had sometimes found themselves inquorate. However, there was full support for a reduced membership with substitutes in place across all groups. Following a question about only those members attending site visits being able to make decisions, Cllr David Jones, as the Chairman of the Regulatory Committee, explained this would be kept under review and if necessary would come back to County Council with any further changes if required.

Cllr Kate Wheller made reference to whether there was any possibility for ungrouped members being invited to join the committee. It was confirmed that political proportionality applied in this instance, but there were options regarding involvement that could be used.

Resolved

That the following constitutional changes as amended by the Audit and Governance Committee be approved:

1. County Councils Petition Scheme (including Petition Panels comprising a minimum of 3 members – the local member(s) should be given first choice and the relevant Cabinet Member should be expected to be involved).
2. Regulatory Committee Membership – 10 members (in accordance with political proportionality) plus one substitute for each political party; and
3. Pension Fund Committee Membership to include a maximum of 2 Cabinet Members.

Reason for Decision

To contribute to the County Council's Corporate Plan 'Working Together for a Strong and Successful Dorset'.

Recommendation - Pay Policy Statement 2018/1921 **Resolved**

That the Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18 be approved.

Reason for Decision

The Staffing Committee oversaw matters relating to staff terms and conditions.

Recommendation - Senior Management Roles and Responsibilities - Interim Arrangements - Review and Proposals22 **Resolved**

That the County Council approve:-

1. That the Chief Executive retains the statutory role of the Director for Adult Social Services on an interim basis.
2. That options for the discharge of the DASS role be confirmed within the new structure of Adult and Community Services and that discussions proceed with the Clinical Commissioning Group to consider a Joint Director post and resources to progress the Accountable Care System/Partnership development be agreed.
3. That delegated authority to develop these options be granted to the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and Leader of the Council, Chair of the Health and Well-being Board and Cabinet Member for Health and Care.
4. That the changes, when approved by the County Council, be subject to Article 12 of the Council's Constitution, subject to the recommendations of the Audit and Governance Committee.
5. That the Interim Director for Children's Services appointment be extended for a 6 month period, to expire in October 2018, be agreed.
6. That the Adult & Community Services Directorate Scheme of Delegation from Senior Managers be amended accordingly.

Reason for Decisions

To ensure the continued delivery of the County Council's statutory responsibilities and effective management.

Appointments to Committees

23 The following changes to appointments and committees were reported at the meeting:

- Cllr Rebecca Knox confirmed that Cllr Steve Butler would replace Cllr Tony Ferrari on the Joint Public Health Board.
- Cllr Nick Ireland made the following changes to fill Liberal Democrat vacancies on several Committees:
 - People and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Cllr Beryl Ezzard
 - Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee – Cllr Beryl Ezzard
 - Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – Clinical Services Review – Cllr Nick Ireland

- Children's and Adult Services Appeals Committee – Cllr Derek Beer

Resolved

That the changes to appointments be approved.

Meeting Duration: 10.00 am - 12.10 pm

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County Council

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Date of Meeting	26 th April 2018
Officer	Chief Executive
Subject of Report	Local Government Reorganisation in Dorset Bournemouth and Poole
Executive Summary	<p>At a special meeting on 10 March 2016 the County Council confirmed that it was willing to discuss with other local authorities the future of local government across Dorset, Bournemouth, and Poole.</p> <p>A series of reports led the County Council to agree to support local government reorganisation (LGR) based upon the replacing the existing nine principal councils with two new multi-purpose councils. The “Future Dorset” proposal for this change was submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, in February 2017.</p> <p>The last report to the County Council was in November 2017. Since then two milestone events have occurred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 26 February 2018 the Secretary of State announced his intention to implement, subject to Parliamentary approval, the locally-led “Future Dorset” proposals. • On 29 March 2018 the Secretary of State laid in Parliament the draft Bournemouth Dorset and Poole Structural Changes Order. <p>The effect of the Structural Change Order (SCO) will be to abolish the County Council and the other eight principal councils on 1 April 2019 and to establish in their place two new councils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset Council (covering the area of the existing County Council and the Dorset Districts but excluding Christchurch Borough) • Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council (BCP) (covering the areas of the three named borough councils). <p>The SCO also sets out how the transition to the two new councils will be overseen by two shadow councils each with a shadow executive committee. The nine existing councils have a duty to co-operate with the shadow councils and with each other in establishing the new councils efficiently and effectively.</p>

	<p>Given the County Council's scale as the largest of the existing councils and given the need for disaggregation of county council services and budgets (so that they can form part of both new councils) there is a particular challenge for this council in contributing to both of the separate programmes to establish each of the new councils.</p> <p>Each shadow council responsible for the transition to a new council will comprise the membership of the existing councils for that area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For Dorset the Shadow Council will comprise the membership of the County Council (less the five Christchurch division members) and the entire membership of five district councils (a total of 206 councillors)• For BCP the Shadow council will comprise the entire membership of the three borough councils plus the five county councillors for Christchurch divisions (a total of 125 councillors). <p>Each shadow council must establish a shadow executive committee. The County Council has no places on the Shadow BCP Executive Committee and 10 of the 20 places on the Shadow Dorset Executive Committee are to be filled by County Councillors (the five boroughs/districts having 2 places each). This report recommends a delegation to the Leader to appoint to the 10 County Council places.</p> <p>Detail about the anticipated timing of the first meeting of the shadow councils and the likely business can be found amongst background papers which are reports to the meetings of the Dorset Area Joint Committee and the BCP Area Joint Committee.</p> <p>In addition to the main SCO the Secretary of State will be making a number of consequential orders. These orders will provide the detail of the legal framework within which the shadow councils will set the budgets and council tax for the new councils, and the arrangements under which staff will transfer their employment and under which property, other assets and liabilities will transfer to the new councils.</p> <p>The intention is for the Dorset Area Joint Committee and the BCP Joint Committee to respond to consultations on the consequential orders. However, there is a risk that the timescales might preclude a joint committee response and it is recommended that the Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer should be given delegated authority, after consultation with the Leader, to provide responses on behalf of the County Council.</p> <p>Until the shadow councils and shadow executive committees take on their responsibilities (anticipated to be from June 2018) the two joint committees continue to oversee the transition work towards the formation of the two new councils, supported by a number of member task and finish groups and officer workstreams.</p> <p>Rather than repeat or summarise in this paper reports to the joint committees by the two programme directors and by officers these are identified as background papers to which links are provided.</p> <p>Those councillors who are not members either joint committee are encouraged to review the joint committee papers as they illustrate the scale and the challenge of the programmes to establish two new</p>
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Local Government Reorganisation in Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole

	councils which are able to deliver services that are safe and legal from 1 April 2019.
Impact Assessment:	Equalities Impact Assessment: An Equalities Impact Assessment was presented to the County Council on 20 July 2017 and is referenced as a background paper.
	Use of Evidence: This report draws upon previous reports to the County Council, advice from MHCLG officials, the Structural Change Order and reports taken to the two joint Committees overseeing the work towards LGR.
	Budget: There are no direct budget implications arising from the recommendations in this report.
	Risk Assessment: Assessments of the risks associated with the programmes to establish the two new councils are included in the papers prepared for the two joint committees (which are identified as background papers to this report).
	Other Implications: None.
Recommendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the County Council consider the steps being taken in preparation for the formation of two new councils for Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole. 2. That the Leader be given delegated authority to appoint the 10 County Councillors to serve as members of the Dorset Shadow Executive Committee. 3. That the Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer be given delegated authority, after consultation with the Leader, to respond to consultations on the content of consequential orders in connection with local government reorganisation.
Reason for Recommendation	To enable the County Council to consider the steps being taken in preparation for LGR, to ensure that the appropriate delegations are in place to enable appointments to be made to the Shadow Dorset Executive Committee and to authorise officers to respond to consultations.
Appendices	None.
Background Papers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Draft Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole (Structural Changes) Order 2018 2. Dorset Area Joint Committee 21 February 2018 report on Shadow Authority Arrangements 3. Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Joint Committee – agendas reports and minutes 4. Dorset Area Joint Committee – agendas reports and minutes 5. Equality Impact Assessment presented to County Council on 20 July 2017

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Date of Meeting	26 April 2018
Officer	Chief Executive
Subject of Report	Appointments to Committees, Joint Committees and the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority for 2018/19.
Executive Summary	<p>Procedure Rule (Standing Order) 50 as set out in the County Council's Constitution states that at their annual meeting the Council shall appoint to the standing committees.</p> <p>The Council is therefore invited to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) allocate seats to political groups and to make appointments to committees of the County Council for the year 2018/19; (ii) allocate seats and to appoint members to serve on joint committees for the year 2018/19; and (iii) appoint members to serve on the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority for the year 2018/19. (iv) delegate authority to Group Leaders to make in-year changes to appointments. (v) reaffirm delegated authority to the Leader of the Council after consultation with Group Leaders to make appointments to Member Champions for 2018/19. <p>The nominations of the Group Leaders will be circulated prior to the meeting.</p>
Impact Assessment:	Equalities Impact Assessment: N/A
	Use of Evidence: Appropriate use of evidence has been used in the compilation of this report by utilising the membership details of Committees during 2018/19..
	Budget: This report has no budget or VAT implications.
	<p>Risk Assessment: Having considered the risks associated with this decision using the County Council's approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as:</p> <p>Current Risk: LOW Residual Risk: LOW</p>

Appointments to Committees

	Other Implications: N/A
Recommendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That seats and appointments on committees of the County Council, joint committees and the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority be allocated, as nominated by Group Leaders, for 2018/19. 2. That the Leader be asked to confirm her appointments to the Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee, Public Health Joint Board and the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board. 3. That members be appointed to serve on other organisations for the year 2018/19 as nominated by Group Leaders. 4. That delegated authority be given to Group Leaders to make in-year changes to appointments. 5. That members be appointed as Member Champions for the year 2018/19 in accordance with delegated authority to the Leader of the Council after consultation with Group Leaders.
Reason for Recommendation	To comply with the County Council's Procedure Rules (Standing Orders).
Appendices	None
Background Papers	None
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Political Groups and Percentage Entitlement

- 1.1 All members of the County Council except Cllr Kate Wheller (Labour and Cooperative) belong to one of the three political groups of the County Council.
- 1.2 The number of members of political groups and the percentage entitlement is therefore as follows:-

<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u>	<u>Green</u>
33 (71.7%)	10 (21.7%)	2 (4.3%)

Note: There is the addition of one ungrouped (Labour) member with a percentage entitlement of 2.2%

Committees of the County Council

- 2.1 The entitlement to seats on the ordinary Committees of the County Council which are allocated to each political group must bear the same proportion to the total of those seats as the number of members of each group is to the

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membership of the County Council. This excludes the Cabinet and any other committee for which the political balance are not applied.

- 2.2 In addition, where a political group has a majority of seats on the County Council, it must also have a majority on each individual body to which appointments are made.
- 2.3 However, the Council may waive political balance rules for any committee where the Council wishes to appoint an alternative number of members from political groups. In order for political balance to be waived no member must object to this, an objection by a single member would make it necessary to apply strict proportionality. In recent years it has been decided that political proportionality shall not apply to the Staffing Committee.
- 2.4 The table below shows the number of seats on committees to be allocated to political groups:

	<u>Con</u>	<u>Lib Dem</u>	<u>Green</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>Total</u>
Audit and Governance	7	2	1	-	10
Children's and Adult Services Appeals	5	2	-	-	7*
Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny	7	2	1	-	10
People and Communities Overview and Scrutiny	7	2	1	-	10
Regulatory	7	2	1		10
Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny	7	2	1	-	10
Staffing	4	2	-	-	8#

* Plus reserve members

Leader of the Council and Chairman of the County Council plus 6 members

Appointments to Committees

3. Group Leaders have been asked for their nominations to committees in accordance with the allocations above. These will be circulated prior to the meeting. It is for the County Council to make these appointments.

Joint Arrangements

- 4.1 The Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee consists of 12 members, of whom six are appointed by the County Council and one appointed by each of the six district/ borough councils in Dorset. The Constitution provides that every effort should be made to include one county councillor from each district/borough council area.
- 4.2 Arrangements for the Dorset Police and Crime Panel were agreed by the County Council on 26 April 2012. The Panel consists of two members from the County Council, one member from Bournemouth Borough Council (+3 co-opted), one member from Borough of Poole (+2 co-opted), one member from each district/borough council in Dorset, and two independent members. The County Council is therefore invited to appoint two members to the Panel.
- 4.3 The Pension Fund Committee consists of five members of the County Council (with no more than two being members of the Cabinet), one nominated by Bournemouth Borough Council, one nominated by the Borough of Poole, one representing district councils within the County and a scheme member representative.

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- 4.4 The County Council agreed the governance arrangements in relation to Public Health at its meeting held on 14 February 2013, which included the formation of a Joint Public Health Board.
- 4.5 Those members appointed to the Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee and the Joint Public Health Board must be members of the County Council's Cabinet as these are executive decision-making bodies. These appointments are made by the Leader of the County Council. In addition to the two cabinet members the County Council, Bournemouth Borough Council and the Borough of Poole are each entitled to appoint a non-cabinet member from one of the opposition groups to attend meetings of the Joint Public Health Board with observer status.
- 4.6 The Council is asked to appoint the following members to the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board:
- The Leader
 - Cabinet Member for Health and Care
 - A Cabinet Member
- 4.7 As far as the County Council membership is concerned, the allocation of seats follows the political balance of the County Council, giving the following allocations:

	<u>Con</u>	<u>Lib Dem</u>	<u>Green</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee	4	2	-	-	6
Dorset Police and Crime Panel	1	1	-	-	2
Pension Fund Committee	4	1	-	-	5+
Local Pension Board	1	-	-	-	1
Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee (see 4.5)	2	-	-	-	2*
Joint Public Health Board	2	1#	-	-	2*
Dorset Health and Well-being Board (see 4.6)	2	-	-	-	2 ~

+plus a scheme member representative

*plus reserve members in the same number

observer status

~ plus one reserve member

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- 4.8 The nominations received from the Group Leaders will be tabled at the meeting.

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority

- 5.1 A combined Dorset and Wiltshire Authority was established from 1 April 2016. As a result of an order made by the Minister for Policing and Fire the membership of the Fire and Rescue Authority has been reduced to 18 with effect from the annual meeting of the authority on 6 June 2018. The County Council is entitled to 5 of the 18 places as shown below:

<u>Con</u>	<u>Lib Dem</u>	<u>Green</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>Total</u>
4	1	-	-	5

- 5.3 The nominations received from the Group Leaders will be circulated prior to the meeting.

Other Organisations

- 6.1 The County Council is entitled to places on the following organisations which, with the exception of the Rural Commission and the South West Strategic Leaders Board, again have previously been allocated in accordance with political proportionality.

	<u>Con</u>	<u>Lib Dem</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>UKIP</u>	<u>Total</u>
Local Government Association - General Assembly	3	1	-	-	4
County Council's Network (CCN)	3	1	-	-	4
South West Councils	1	-	-	-	1
South West Councils Employers Panel	1	-	-	-	1
Local Government Association Rural Commission	1 voting	1 nonvoting	-	-	2

- 6.2 The nominations of Group Leaders will be circulated prior to the meeting

Member Champions

- 7.1 The appointment of Member Champions is currently under review by Group Leaders, and members are asked to reaffirm delegated authority to the Leader of the Council after consultation with Group Leaders to make appointments for 2018/19.
- 7.2 Elected Members undertake the role of designated Member Champion for a specific service area or initiative by:-
- (i) Finding ways to sustain a high profile for the initiative, both in the public domain and internally within the County Council
 - (ii) Keeping informed about relevant key developments
 - (iii) Seeking ways to motivate staff to reach targets
 - (iv) Using their influence as a County Councillor for the allocation of appropriate priority status for the initiative, in the context of the Council's overall objectives

Debbie Ward
Chief Executive
April 2018

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Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	26 April 2018
Officer	Chief Executive
Subject of Report	Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees 2018/19
Executive Summary	<p>Procedure Rule (Standing Order) 51 in the County Council's Constitution states that at their annual meeting the Council may appoint, from among the voting members, a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for each standing committee of the Council.</p> <p>The Council are therefore requested to appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the following committees for the year 2018/19:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Audit and Governance Children's and Adult Services Appeals Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny People and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Regulatory Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Staffing </p> <p>It should be noted that the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council are, ex-officio, Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Cabinet. The Leader in turn appoints the Deputy and other members of the Cabinet.</p> <p>Nominations for Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen have been invited from the Group Leaders and these will be circulated prior to the meeting.</p>
Impact Assessment:	Equalities Impact Assessment: N/A
	Use of Evidence: Appropriate use of evidence has been used in the compilation of this report by utilising the membership details of Committees during 2018/19.
	Budget: This report has no budget or VAT implications.

	<p>Risk Assessment: Having considered the risks associated with this decision using the County Council's approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as:</p> <p>Current Risk: LOW Residual Risk: LOW</p>
	Other Implications: N/A
Recommendation	That Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of committees of the County Council be appointed for the year 2018/19 to reflect the nominations of the Group Leaders.
Reason for Recommendation	To comply with the County Council's Procedure Rules (Standing Orders).
Appendices	None
Background Papers	None
Report Originator and Contact	<p>Name: Lee Gallagher, Democratic Services Manager Tel: (01305) 224191 Email: l.d.gallagher@dorsetcc.gov.uk</p>



Cabinet

Minutes of a meeting held at County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester,
Dorset, DT1 1XJ on Wednesday, 7 March 2018.

Present:

Rebecca Knox	Leader of the Council
Jill Haynes	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health and Care
Steve Butler	Cabinet Member for Safeguarding
Deborah Croney	Cabinet Member for Economy, Education, Learning and Skills
Tony Ferrari	Cabinet Member for Community and Resources
Daryl Turner	Cabinet Member for Natural and Built Environment

Members Attending:

Jon Andrews, County Councillor for Sherborne Town
Graham Carr-Jones, County Councillor for Stalbridge and the Beacon
Hilary Cox, as Chairman of the County Council
Katharine Garcia, County Councillor for Portland Tophill
Beryl Ezzard, County Councillor for Wareham
Nick Ireland, County Councillor for Linden Lea
Mary Penfold, County Councillor for Sherborne Rural
Bill Pipe, County Councillor for Lytchett Minster and Upton
Mark Roberts, County Councillor for Bridport
David Shortell, County Councillor for Moors
Kate Wheller, County Councillor for Portland Harbour

Officers Attending:

Nick Jarman (Interim Director for Children's Services), Richard Bates (Chief Financial Officer), Helen Coombes (Transformation Programme Lead for the Adult and Community Forward Together Programme), Grace Evans (Legal Services Manager), Mike Harries (Corporate Director for Environment and Economy) and Lee Gallagher (Democratic Services Manager).

For certain items, as appropriate:

Ken Buchan (Environmental Advice Team Leader), Ed Denham (School Admissions Manager), Adam Fitzgerald (Service Development Officer), Andy Frost (Community Safety and Drug Action Manager), Ben Lancaster (Senior Estate Surveyor) and Peter Scarlett (Estate and Assets Manager).

- (Notes:(1) In accordance with Rule 16(b) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules the decisions set out in these minutes will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of five working days after the publication date.
Publication Date: **Tuesday, 13 March 2018.**
- (2) These minutes have been prepared by officers as a record of the meeting and of any decisions reached. They are to be considered and confirmed at the next meeting of the Cabinet to be held on **Wednesday, 4 April 2018.**

Apologies for Absence

22 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Peter Wharf, Debbie Ward (Chief Executive) and Jonathan Mair (Head of Organisational Development and Monitoring Officer).

Code of Conduct

23 There were no declarations by members of disclosable pecuniary interests under the

Code of Conduct.

Minutes

24 The minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2018 were confirmed and signed.

Public Participation

25 Public Speaking

There were no public questions received at the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 21(1).

There were three public statements received at the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 21(2). The statements are attached as an annexure to these minutes.

Petitions

There were no petitions received at the meeting in accordance with the County Council's Petition Scheme.

Cabinet Forward Plan

26 The Cabinet considered the draft Forward Plan, which identified key decisions to be taken by the Cabinet on or after the next meeting. An additional item on the Future of Outdoor Education was identified for the Cabinet meeting in May 2018.

Resolved

That the Forward Plan be updated.

The Relationship Between the Council, Schools and Academies

27 The Cabinet considered a report by the Cabinet Member for Economy, Education, Learning and Skills regarding a more clearly defined relationship between the Council and schools of all types and consultation with schools to establish their needs and wants in terms of a relationship with the Council, and to take account of the overall financial position, traded services, operational environment, collaboration, critical challenge and support, and the national context. The Council's priority would be to focus on advice, improvement, shared responsibility for the quality of education and opportunities for schools to influence the areas with which the Council should be involved. Recommendations 3, 4 and 5 in the report showed a starting point of the conversation and consultation with schools and wider educational network, and were not considered for decision at this meeting.

An important issue was raised in respect of the need to have a conversation with smaller primary schools to develop into larger academies or federated schools to take advantage of economies of scale, resilience and protecting their individual qualities.

Resolved

1. That the relationship with schools which best suits the Council, its objectives and the communities which it services and is affordable be agreed.
2. That delegated authority be granted to the Interim Director for Children's Services to conduct a consultation with schools, academies, free schools, etc. to establish their needs and wants in terms of a relationship with the Council.
3. That the rebalancing of the principle of sharing risk and responsibility between the Council and schools be accepted.

Reasons for Decisions

1. There was no recent memorandum of understanding or protocol concerning the relationship between the Council, schools, academies, free schools and learning centres.
2. For a variety of reasons (financial, OFSTED inspection, balance of risk and responsibility) this relationship needs to be clearly defined and observed.

School Transport Policies 2018-2019

28 The Cabinet considered a report by the Cabinet Member for Economy, Education, Learning and Skills regarding two outstanding school transport policy exceptions following Cabinet consideration of Admissions Arrangements and Transport Policies on 17 January 2018. The two exceptions related to raising the cost recovery figure for surplus seats from £640 to £770 and moving from a 5 miles criterion to a 3 miles criterion for eligibility for the 50% discount on the Post 16 cost recovery scheme.

Cllr Deborah Croney explained that there were three options available to the Cabinet to consider regarding the level of increase of surplus bus seats and it had been felt that the increase should not be as much as £130 per seat in a single year. Option C was advocated as the preferred cost model and a table of costs was provided at the meeting to setting out the option for the increase in costs from 2018 to 2021. The preferred Option C would introduce an increase of £35 per year until 2021, and charging arrangements had also been developed to enable monthly payments in addition to quarterly payments. In relation to the policy regarding the Post 16 cost recovery scheme, it was recognised that there were steps being taken to develop other policies to create savings, but the Cabinet acknowledged that reduction from 5 to 3 miles would create an additional cost to the Council of £70k.

Although the recommendations within the report were supported, the need to move to cost neutral arrangements over time was recognised as well as the obligation on the Council to provide the services. An additional request was also made to ask that where families had more than one sibling in Post 16 education who had surplus seats, that appropriate discount arrangements should be in place as the financial burden would be greater on these families. It was confirmed that this issue had already been raised outside of the meeting and would be taken forward.

Resolved

1. That the Home to School Transport Assistance Eligibility Policy for Children and Young People attending School 2018-2019 and the Dorset Post 16 Transport Support Policy for 2018-2019 be adopted, and that specific agreement be given to Option C for the rise in the surplus seat / cost recovery price. (Note: Any subsequent increase will be in line with the Confederation of Passengers Transport Index (CPTi) for the period.)
2. Approval of the adoption of 3 mile limit as one of the criteria for being eligible for a reduction of 50% for contribution towards Post 16 transport both mainstream and SEND.

Reason for Decision

To finalise the adoption of the School Transport policies for Dorset from September 2018 onwards.

Quarterly Asset Management Report

29 The Cabinet considered a report by the Cabinet Member for Community and Resources on the issues related to the various asset classes of Property, Highways, ICT, Fleet and Waste.

Two public statements were received at the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 21(2) regarding progress towards selling the Brakenbury Infant School, Portland. The statements are attached as an annexure to these minutes. A summary of the progress on the sale was provided by Cllr Tony Ferrari, who emphasised the merit and social impact of the proposal to sell to Portland Town Council. However, further work was required to arrive at a position where a decision could be taken to confirm the sale, whilst considering the capital priorities across the whole Council.

Cllr Kate Wheller, as the local member, highlighted that the school had been empty for five years and progressing the sale would avoid the cost of a vacant building as

well as savings that would be made by bringing a range of community services together which would free up other buildings of considerable value. The social impact, and associated advantages through the living and learning programme, would help to enable the community to work together. She also referred to multiple areas of deprivation in the area and challenges from birth through to death, including isolation and loneliness, which would be addressed through the wider community use of the site and create savings across many services. The impact on Portland Town Council's ability to secure additional grant funding was also highlighted as time delay in making a decision could jeopardise its ability to be successful. Cllr Wheller urged the Cabinet to indicate that it was minded to agree to the sale of the site.

Cllr Tony Ferrari confirmed that consideration was being given, and the 'door was open', but the whole financial picture needed to be considered before any decision could be taken.

Summaries of other asset related projects were provided, and particular attention was drawn to the need to progress the delay in transferring property to various youth groups. Cllr Beryl Ezzard expressed frustration in respect of her experience of the process to transfer property to the Purbeck Youth and Community Foundation and it was confirmed that the proposal in the report would lead to steps being taken to bring all transfers to a timely conclusion.

Resolved

1. That the use of the County Council's general powers of competence to permit it to grant a 125 year lease to the Delta Education Trust of as much land comprising the former Bovington Middle School site as is reasonably required for the provision of a school for children with Social Emotional and Mental Health needs and Autistic Spectrum Condition and otherwise on terms to be agreed by the Chief Financial Officer and the disposal of the residue of the site at its market value on terms to be agreed by the Chief Financial Officer (paragraph 3.1.4 of the Cabinet Member's report) be approved.
2. That the lease of the former Bere Regis Primary School site to the ESFA / Delta Education Trust on a short-term basis at a peppercorn rent and otherwise on terms to be agreed by the Chief Financial Officer (paragraph 3.2.4 of the report) be approved.
3. That a firm and final timetable be agreed with the occupants of the Bridport, Dorchester, Gillingham, Southill, Verwood and Wareham youth centre buildings and the STEPS youth centre in Weymouth for completion of each transaction, and unless a clear and rational reason exists as to why a transfer has not been completed within the agreed timescale, the offer from the County Council to gift the building to them will be withdrawn (paragraph 3.3.3 of the report).
4. That a proposal received from Portland Town Council to sell the Former Brackenbury Infant School site to it at an undervalue be noted, and that further discussions will take place to examine the proposal in more detail (paragraph 3.4.5 of the report).
5. That the overall revised estimates and cash flows for projects as summarised and detailed in Appendix 1 of the Cabinet member's report (paragraph 8.2 of the report) be approved.
6. That the emerging Highways issues (paragraph 4 of the report) be noted.

Reason for Decisions

A well-managed Council ensures that the best use is made of its assets in terms of optimising service benefit, minimising environmental impact and maximising financial return.

County Farms Estate Management Plan Update

30 The Cabinet considered a report by the Cabinet Member for Natural and Built Environment regarding a programme of rationalisation for the County Farms Estate in accordance with the County Farms Estate Management Plan 2016-21. A summary of

the performance, financial sustainability and contribution of County Farms to the economy of Dorset as well as communities, including vulnerable people, was provided. Regarding rationalisation of the estate, it was explained that a compromise was required by the council to generate capital funding to be reinvested into priority services, and as such additional non-core holdings has been identified for disposal, whilst maintaining a smaller core estate in accordance with the Management Plan 2016-21.

One public statement was received at the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 21(2). The statement is attached as an annexure to these minutes.

The meeting was attended by a number of local members of county farms within their electoral divisions. Cllr Cherry Brooks submitted written comments to the meeting to express her views in relation to problems with large intensive farming and the impact on smaller farms and other practical implications associated with farming. Cllr Mary Penfold drew attention to the need to consider very carefully the impact on rural areas of Dorset as County Farms contributed massively to the local economy and wider economy.

Jeremy Russell (Country Landowners and Business Association representative) and Greg Kellaway (Dorset County Farms Tenants representative), as members of the County Farms Liaison Panel, addressed the meeting to highlight the decrease in surplus income generated because of the rationalisation of the estate, to urge members not to dispose of the non-core holdings, promote the economic and community advantages of the estate, the long-term impact on employment, and the need to be proud of the estate. In response Cllr Daryl Turner confirmed the significance of the performance of the estate and that the Council was extremely proud of County Farms, but that there was a need to compromise given the financial pressures faced by the Council.

Cllr Hilary Cox, as the Chairman of the County Farms Liaison Panel, indicated that the estate had reduced by 5% since 2001 which now focused on a core farms estate that had received a lot of investment and generated a significant financial surplus year on year. She acknowledged that the non-core farms had been identified because of financial pressures to help achieve the Council's corporate aims. Although this further rationalisation would see a reduction in the size of the estate by 14%, those identified for disposal required significant capital investment of approximately £2m to bring them up to acceptable standards and make sustainable. Reluctantly Cllr Cox accepted the need to rationalise the estate, but emphasised that the remaining estate would continue to be an asset to be proud of. She also highlighted the need to retain the estate and to not disinvest in the future.

Views were expressed which recognised the difficult decision to further rationalise the estate to contribute to the wider pressures facing the Council, and it was noted that the same challenges and demands faced all services. It was hoped that through the disposal of the non-core assets, the future guardians of the estate invested in them and maintained them as ongoing farming assets.

Resolved

1. That the 6 off lying farms identified in Appendix 1 of the Cabinet member's report be re-classified as non-core with a view to their future disposal.
2. That the income target for the Estate be revised to reflect the loss of rental income associated with these disposals (c.£95,000 p.a.).

Reason for Decisions

To enable the delivery of the County Farms Management Plan 2016-21 and support corporate outcomes whilst improving the financial position of the County Council.

Supply of Housing to meet needs of people with Adult Social Care need

- 31 The Cabinet considered a report by the Cabinet Member for Health and Care regarding adult social care housing options for a range of reasons, including discharges from long-term hospital accommodation, moving on from home, or service users currently living in inappropriate accommodation. The current and future demand for accommodation was outlined by Cllr Jill Haynes, together with the innovative approach as one of the first councils in the Country to provide modular housing solutions. The approach would utilise the provider framework contract arrangements. In the short term, 30 units in Wareham and Bridport would be funded by capital released due to plans in Bridport for a proposed Care Village development (to be considered by the Cabinet on 4 April 2018).

Detailed planning for further modular housing provision through Joint Venture would be undertaken, and a detailed business case would be developed, for future sites across Dorset including consultation and partnership with district and borough councils.

In terms of eco-friendly and self-sufficient building, all members supported the need to make the modular units as environmentally sustainable as possible.

As local members, Cllrs Beryl Ezzard, Bill Pipe and Mark Roberts expressed support for the units in Wareham and Bridport. A question was asked about the potential timing and associated impacts of gaining planning permission through local councils to which it was clarified that the timetable was very ambitious and every effort would be made to progress the development as quickly as possible with planning colleagues in district and borough councils.

Resolved

1. That the reallocation of £1,500,000 of capital budget from the capital budget previously allocated to the Bridport Connect development to the Modular Housing project to fund the purchase of the 30 housing units be approved.
2. That a procurement exercise be carried out to purchase and install the initial 30 housing units.
3. That a procurement process be carried out to appoint a Registered Provider to provide a housing management service for the 30 housing units.
4. That the undertaking of detailed planning to understand the potential benefits of a modular housing Joint Venture, including potential market appetite, confirmation of numbers, and identification of sites (to be presented as a Detailed Business Case) be approved.

Reasons for Decisions

1. Reallocating capital to Modular Housing project would provide much needed housing capacity for vulnerable adults, which would enhance their experience and providing the Directorate with the ability to generate service cost savings. £4.2m of capital expenditure was allocated to the proposed Bridport Connect project, and this was no longer required because the reprovision of Day Service assets in Bridport would be provided as part of the wider Bridport Care Campus project through private investment. The previously proposed hub plans could not be delivered within the allocated capital budget envelope.
2. This procurement would ensure that the Council would satisfy Public Procurement requirements, and give a 'proof of concept' for modular housing demonstrating and confirming the levels of income generation achievable. It would also deliver units to satisfy urgent accommodation need over the next 6 months, and ensure the appointment of a high quality-customer led housing management service.
3. There was potential through a joint venture to deliver significant additional accommodation capacity, with a much lower investment and risk requirement. The potential ramifications of this approach should be explored in detail.

Approval for procurements over £500k

32 The Cabinet considered a report by the Cabinet Member for Community and Resources in respect of procurements across the Council during 2018/19 which were defined as key decisions with a financial consequence of £500k or more.

Resolved

That the procurements and awards of contracts set out in Appendix A of the report be approved.

Note: In giving this approval, the Cabinet is approving known / likely procurements set for implementation during 2018 (or as specifically noted otherwise) on terms to be agreed by the delegated officer or Lead Director for each arrangement. Procurements exceeding the key decision threshold which are not yet identified will be subject to separate approval and business justification during the year.

Reason for Decision

Cabinet was required to approve all key decisions with financial consequences of £500k or more. It is also good governance to provide Cabinet with a summary of all proposed procurements prior to them formally commencing. Planning procurements effectively ensures effective stakeholder engagement, efficient sourcing, compliance with regulations and contract procedure rules, and best value for money.

Recommendations from Committees

33 The Cabinet considered the following recommendations:

Application of the Local Transport Plan

33a **Resolved**

That the recommendation of the Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 24 January 2018 be approved as set out below:

Recommendation 49 - Application of the Local Transport Plan

1. That the LTP and Corporate Plan outcomes be approved as a method of prioritising the local transport projects to be delivered in Dorset.
2. That the transport project areas identified in the Service Director's report be approved.

Reasons for Recommendations

The LTP priorities have been previously agreed and are fixed in the LTP 2011. The Corporate Plan 2017 outcomes have been added to ensure alignment with the County Council's aims and objectives, with reference to health, physical activity and economic growth. The types of projects being delivered meet these priorities and outcomes.

Domestic Abuse - Inquiry Day

33b **Resolved**

That the recommendation of the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 30 January 2018 be approved as set out below:

Recommendation 5 - Domestic Abuse - Inquiry Day

That the Cabinet be asked to support to commit to further targeted activity, with key partners to tackle domestic abuse and improve outcomes for vulnerable adults and children.

Reason for Recommendation

To monitor and comment on the work of Adult and Children's Services and their partner agencies, including the Community Safety Partnership to be satisfied that they were working together effectively to improve the safety of adults and children and to prevent and reduce incidents of violence and domestic abuse.

Modern Slavery Protocol and Guidance

33c The Cabinet recognised the importance of the protocol and guidance on modern slavery through a statutory duty to notify, which was being strengthened through partnership awareness building with the Community Safety Partnership, district and borough councils and Dorset Police. It was agreed that the information contained within the report would be circulated to all councillors of Dorset councils.

Resolved

1. That the protocol and guidance documents be circulated to councillors of Dorset councils.
2. That the recommendation of the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 30 January 2018 be approved as set out below:

Recommendation 6 – Modern Slavery Protocol and Guidance

That the Cabinet be asked to adopt the Modern Slavery Protocol and Guidance, with the inclusion that there were other agencies who needed to comply with the duty to notify.

Reason for Recommendation

To ensure that the County Council met its statutory duty to notify central government of any potential victims of modern slavery.

Panels and Boards

34 The following minutes of panels and boards were received:

Joint Archives Advisory Board - 25 January 2018

34a A summary of an unsuccessful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for grant funding to increase archive storage, together with steps to learn from the experience, was provided. An alternative plan was now being developed to provide additional storage as well as continuing to explore other grant funding opportunities and developing a more commercial service. A programme of ongoing digitisation would also continue to reduce the need to store items.

Noted

Executive Advisory Panel on Forward Together for Children's Services - 26 January 2018

34b The progress of the Executive Advisory Panel in considering high profile and complex issues was summarised, which included Home to School Transport and the 0-5 Community Offer.

Noted

Joint Public Health Board - 5 February 2018

34c An update on the work of the Joint Public Health Board was provided including the informal consideration of Prevention at Scale in an informal session after the meeting which would focus on early intervention and prevention, and the development of community locality Health and Wellbeing Boards.

Noted

Executive Advisory Panel on Pathways to Independence/Social Care - 20 February 2018

34d An update on the activity of the Executive Advisory Panel was provided, and attention was drawn to ongoing work in respect of adult social care self-funding and the provision of advice and guidance.

Noted

Questions from County Councillors

- 35 A question was received from Cllr Kate Wheller to the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Economy, Education, Learning and Skills in relation to effect of Brexit on Local Government. The question and answer are attached as an annexure to these minutes.

In addition to the answer provided, Cllr Deborah Croney explained that she was a member of the LGA People and Places Board which was the body which triggered the LGA's Call for Evidence regarding Brexit.

Cllr Kate Wheller asked a supplementary question to request that information be made widely available to all councillors of district and borough councils to be kept abreast of progress and the impact of Brexit on Dorset's economy.

Children's Services - Property Update Report

- 36 The Cabinet considered an exempt report by the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Education, Learning and Skills regarding work to review and reduce the use of properties occupied by Children's Services provision.

As the portfolio of property used by Children's Services evolved, consideration was given to changes of use, future service provision and disposals. The report brought together property related issues facing Children's Services and enabled consideration to be given to specific sites, together with reasons for changes to be made. Cllr Deborah Croney clarified that in respect of two proposals within the report (detailed at paragraphs 2.4 and 2.6) that were shown as being 'put forward for disposal', they were being 'declared surplus to Children's Services requirements'.

The process for the identification of properties being declared surplus to requirements was explained as a two-stage process which included separate evaluations of the social value of retaining a property as well as a market value evaluation, both of which would be considered when determining the future use of an asset. The process had been changed to speed up the process of asset management, which continued to be developed.

Resolved

1. That the ongoing work to review and reduce the use of properties occupied by Children's Services be noted and supported
2. That the recommendations detailed within the Cabinet Members' report be agreed, subject to the comments detailed in the minutes above in relation to paragraphs 2.4 and 2.6.

Reason for Decisions

There were a number of service reviews underway at present which should lead to a re-shaping of service delivery which may not require the use of certain properties which could then be declared surplus to Children's Services requirements.

Meeting Duration: 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

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Cabinet

Minutes of a meeting held at County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ on Wednesday, 4 April 2018.

Present:

Rebecca Knox	Leader of the Council
Jill Haynes	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health and Care
Steve Butler	Cabinet Member for Safeguarding
Deborah Croney	Cabinet Member for Economy, Education, Learning and Skills
Tony Ferrari	Cabinet Member for Community and Resources
Peter Wharf	Cabinet Member for Workforce

Members Attending:

Jon Andrews, County Councillor for Sherborne
 Richard Biggs, County Councillor for Dorchester
 Hilary Cox, Chairman of the County Council and County Councillor for Winterborne
 Beryl Ezzard, County Councillor for Wareham
 Katharine Garcia, County Councillor for Portland Tophill
 Nick Ireland, County Councillor for Linden Lea
 William Trite, County Councillor for Swanage
 Kate Wheller, County Councillor for Portland Harbour

Officers Attending:

Debbie Ward (Chief Executive), Grace Evans (Principal Solicitor), Mike Harries (Corporate Director), Jim McManus (Chief Accountant), Nick Jarman (Interim Director for Children's Services) and Lee Gallagher (Democratic Services Manager).

For certain items, as appropriate:

John Burridge (Bridge and Structures Team Leader), Melissa Craven (Communications Lead - Children's Services), Andrew Martin (Service Director - Highways and Emergency Planning) and Peter Scarlett (Estate and Assets Manager).

(Notes:(1) In accordance with Rule 16(b) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules the decisions set out in these minutes will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of five working days after the publication date.
 Publication Date: **Tuesday, 10 April 2018.**

(2) These minutes have been prepared by officers as a record of the meeting and of any decisions reached. They are to be considered and confirmed at the next meeting of the Cabinet to be held on **Wednesday, 2 May 2018.**)

Apologies for Absence

37 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Daryl Turner, Jonathan Mair (Head of Organisational Development) and Richard Bates (Chief Financial Officer). Grace Evans (Legal Services Manager) attended for Jonathan Mair and Jim McManus (Chief Accountant) attended for Richard Bates.

Code of Conduct

38 There were no declarations by members of disclosable pecuniary interests under the Code of Conduct.

With reference to minute 42, a general interest was declared by Cllr Peter Wharf in relation to the Future of Wareham Foot Crossing as he was the Chairman of the

Purbeck District Council Planning Committee and had taken part and voted in its consideration of the same matter at a recent meeting. Although this was not a disclosable pecuniary interest Cllr Wharf withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item and did not vote.

Minutes

39 The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2018 were confirmed and signed.

Public Participation

40 Public Speaking

There was one public question received at the meeting regarding the Future of Wareham Foot Crossing (Minute 42) in accordance with Standing Order 21(1). The question and answer are attached as an annexure to these minutes.

There were eleven public statements received at the meeting regarding the Future of Wareham Foot Crossing (Minute 42) in accordance with Standing Order 21(2). One statement was also received in relation to disposal of the former Brackenbury Infant School, Portland (Minute 44). The statements are attached as an annexure to these minutes.

Petitions

There were no petitions received at the meeting in accordance with the County Council's Petition Scheme.

Cabinet Forward Plan

41 The Cabinet considered the draft Forward Plan, which identified key decisions to be taken by the Cabinet on or after the next meeting. It was noted that a Special Educational Needs Plan – Written Statement of Action item would be added to the plan for 13 June, and that although the minutes of the last Cabinet meeting referred to the addition of an item on the Bridport Care Village, this was no longer required.

Noted

Future of Wareham Foot Crossing

42 *(Note: A general interest was declared by Cllr Peter Wharf as the Chairman of the Purbeck District Council Planning Committee and had taken part and voted in its consideration of the same matter at a recent meeting. Although this was not a disclosable pecuniary interest, Cllr Wharf withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item and did not vote.)*
The Cabinet considered a report by the Cabinet Member for Natural and Built Environment which recommended that funds were made available to progress with the design and construction of 1:12 gradient ramps connecting the highway to the existing over-track footbridge crossing at Wareham Railway Station. Cllr Tony Ferrari, in the absence of Cllr Daryl Turner, introduced the report and summarised the challenges faced in determining a crossing to replace the existing foot crossing in the absence of any other alternatives given the circumstances facing the site in respect of health and safety, technology and funding available until 2019, and the position of Network Rail.

Local member representations were received in relation to the proposals from Cllr Beryl Ezzard and Cllr William Trite. The representations are attached to these minutes as annexures. The views expressed mirrored closely the concerns raised by members of the public, but with the addition of the concerns of the Purbeck Community Rail partnership regarding the impact on the development of services between Wareham and Swanage, and on main line running services if the scheme did not proceed.

There was one public question received at the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 21(1), and eleven public statements in accordance with Standing Order 21(2). The question, answer, and statements are attached as an annexure to these minutes.

The following concerns were expressed at the meeting:

- Structure and visual impact of the proposed ramps;
- Impact of the structure on the existing Grade 2 site, which required listed building consent, which Purbeck District Council had refused;
- Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA), with particular reference to the impact of the proposal on elderly, immobile and disabled;
- The 1:12 gradient of the ramps and the impact on all users including those with disabilities and those who were able bodied, cyclists and use of buggies and pushchairs;
- The health and safety, and risk factor being rated as High when there had never been any incidents at the site;
- The need to cross the bridge for tickets and return to the same platform for trains heading east;
- Suggested alternative of using a controlled barrier or other technology to retain a crossing in its current location;
- Impact on the local heritage of Wareham as an historic Saxon town;
- The economic impact on Wareham in terms of local people using the town's amenities;
- The overwhelming public support for the retention of the existing crossing with barrier control/automation;
- A petition of 50% of Wareham residents was in opposition to the proposed changes;
- Support from Michael Tomlinson MP to the views of the residents of Wareham; and,
- The need to hold any subsequent Regulatory Committee in Wareham.

At this point clarification was provided by officers in respect of Network Rail's view that no alternative non-stepped options would be supported, including a replication of the crossing in Poole Town Centre, or other technologies. It was also confirmed that funding for the scheme could cease in 2019. The representation from Network Rail was described as 'direct and clear' and it was the position of the County Council to try to find way forward to provide a crossing which provided 24 hour uninterrupted access.

Concerns regarding the EqIA were acknowledged and a summary was provided regarding the suitability of the assessment in respect of people with limited mobility and disability. It was accepted that it would not be possible to address all concerns, but it was clarified that the gradient of the ramps at 1:12 was the permitted maximum for highways access. Different regulations would apply if there was only access to the station, and in this instance the maximum ramp gradient would be 1:20.

In respect of risk assessment and health and safety concerns, the approach adopted by the Office for Rail and Road and Network Rail used 'as low as reasonably practicable' methodology which reflected that all pedestrian crossings were inherently unsafe and there was a significant risk associated with pedestrians on the rail track at any time.

Regarding the volume of traffic and the numbers crossing, it was explained that there was a desire to work with the Swanage Rail Company to use both platforms. To enable this to happen train traffic had to switch lines and this would create a more significant risk to the public and much longer waiting times at the existing crossing due to the wider aspiration for a significantly larger volume of traffic at the station. For trains that did not stop at Wareham there remained a concern regarding visibility.

The exploration of alternative options was raised, to which it was clarified that the County Council had spent nine years to try to find an alternative, and that the

definitive view of Network Rail was that there were no alternative level options and there was a clear position to close the crossing at the end of the current lease period. The opportunity to find a solution now was enhanced through the availability of funding to resolve the situation.

The Cabinet acknowledged the difficult decision required, having regard to the strength of feeling from the local communities, but that the County Council needed to take responsibility for the continuation of access across the railway to the station and the highway. The points raised throughout the discussion would be used as a basis of ongoing dialogue, and there would be further opportunities to take part in constructive representation including consideration through the Regulatory Committee (to be held in Wareham) in June 2018, and the potential revisit of Purbeck District Council's Planning Committee decision in respect of the listed buildings application. On being put to the vote the proposals within the Cabinet Member's report were agreed.

Resolved

1. That the County Council continues the process of application for planning consent for the proposed Wareham Access Ramps.
2. That if planning consent was granted, the County Council then re-apply for listed building consent for the proposal, and/or appeal the decision made to refuse consent by Purbeck District Council.
3. That if listed building consent was subsequently granted, the County Council continued to fund, jointly with Network Rail, the detailed design and determine a target price for construction of the proposed ramps through Dorset Highways Strategic Partnership with Hansons.
4. That subject to the necessary consents, that on agreement of funding arrangements for the scheme with Network Rail and the determination of the target price, a further report be submitted to the Cabinet to approve the County Council's required financial contribution towards the delivery of the scheme.

Reason for decisions

To provide a safe, permanent, sustainable form of step-free pedestrian access over the railway line, connecting Northport to Wareham Town Centre.

Residential Homes Options Consultation and the Future Use of Maumbury House Dorchester

- 43 The Cabinet considered a report by the Cabinet Member for Safeguarding on the current position regarding the progress of the consultation and options evaluation regarding the need for Residential Care and the current position regarding the use of Maumbury House, Dorchester. An overview of the wider long term plan regarding provision for looked after children was also provided as context regarding including specialist provision, education, fostering, adoption and social work.

Cllr Richard Biggs, as a local member, addressed the Cabinet to express concerns regarding the closure of Maumbury House. He outlined his experience over many years of providing visits to the home and supporting the looked after children, together with his Corporate Parenting Board experience as the current Vice-Chairman. Concern was raised in respect of the impact on disabilities in the Equalities Impact Assessment which should have regard to young people with Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and other mental health conditions. A further concern regarding the financial assessment was expressed that it did not take full account of the on-costs of staff and family visits to out of county placements. In respect of the condition of the building it was agreed that it was not fit for purpose, but this did not mean that there were not alternative ways of continuing care in the Dorchester area through the use of capital funding to build a small amount of in-house specialist provision as a centre of excellence.

The cost of out of county placements was discussed by the Cabinet. It was reported that current numbers of placements were less than 30, but these would be significantly complex placements and would therefore have a high cost. Although there was a small amount of specialist provision with colocated education, plans were in place to bring placements back to Dorset where possible. However, there was an emphasis on the important need to provide early intervention and prevention together with identifying and providing therapeutic help.

Although the Cabinet was sympathetic to the views of Cllr Biggs and valued his contribution as a member with lots of experience regarding corporate parenting, it was felt that as Maumbury House did not meet the necessary requirements and was not financially viable it was not sensible to continue. It was therefore agreed that the closure should be approved.

Resolved

1. That the closure of Maumbury House be approved.
2. That Maumbury House be declared surplus to requirements.
3. That officers be instructed to take all steps necessary including staff-related, to complete 1 and 2 above.

Reason for Decisions

1. Maumbury House was no longer viable operationally or financially. The Ofsted judgement had exacerbated this position and key difficulties with recruitment had compounded it.
2. This also meant that the Council could not meet the training and development needs of staff to provide an appropriate level of care which fulfilled the regulatory requirements.
3. Occupancy at the home had reduced steeply since April 2017. For some time it had never exceeded 50% and most recently one person only lived at the home.
4. Nationally the use of Residential care was significantly lower than other care options such as fostering 74% of looked after children placed with foster carers while 11% of children were placed in residential settings (DfE 2016).
5. A period of consultation had been undertaken which was contributing to the overall needs assessment regarding Residential Options and the sufficiency of placement need. The Council was able to use a variety of more flexible appropriate provision via the regional commissioning framework. In addition, other options were being explored to develop more suitable localised provision.
6. The outcome from the consultation should be read in conjunction with the report and informed not only the recommendations contained in the report but additionally the future commissioning needs of the council and the work of the sufficiency strategy group.
7. The consultation outcomes could be seen in the appendices to the report.

Disposal of Former Brackenbury Infant School Site, Fortuneswell, Portland

44 The Cabinet considered a report by the Cabinet Member for Community and Resources which set out a proposal that had been received from Portland Town Council to acquire the former Brackenbury School site at an undervalue.

Local members, Cllrs Katharine Garcia and Kate Wheller fully supported the land disposal to Portland Town Council and thanked members for their recognition of the significant community benefit from the creation of a community hub in the Fortuneswell locality on Portland, and that it would provide the aims of the Community Living and Learning programme.

It was suggested that efforts be made to encourage Portland Town Council to start conversations with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) who had expressed interest in working with partners on Portland as part of its Clinical Services Review.

Cllr Ray Nowak from Portland Town Council addressed the Cabinet to thank members for their consideration to provide a hub to serve the whole community on Portland and confirmed that conversations had started with the CCG.

Resolved

That the use of the County Council's general competence to transfer the former Brackenbury School site at Fortuneswell to Portland Town Council at an undervalue and otherwise on terms to be agreed by the Chief Financial Officer be approved.

Reason for Decision

A well-managed Council ensured that the best use was made of its assets in terms of optimising service benefit, minimising environmental impact and maximising financial return.

Sufficiency of SEND Provision - Capital Requirements

- 45 The Cabinet considered a report by the Cabinet Member for Economy, Education, Learning and Skills which sought to allocate capital funding to support the implementation of a strategy and improve the outcomes and life chances for more children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) following a review of provision across Dorset which assessed the actual increase in SEND requirements, categories of education, provision and placements over the next five years. Provision would include eight specialist bases in mainstream schools which would primarily focus upon communication. The considerable financial commitment within the Council's capital programme was considered together with the aims of the council to build a better Dorset.

Resolved

1. That the capital work at Beaucroft School proceed, at a cost of £668,300 in section 8.5 of the Cabinet Member's report, providing replacements modular accommodation, and additional capacity for children with SEND.
2. That the capital investment of £2,094,769 to deliver sufficient capacity of Resourced Base Provision across the county, for children with Complex Communication Needs (CCN) as outlined in section 8.13 of the report be approved. This would reduce the need to place children outside of Dorset, and ensure children were able to access appropriate education close to home.
3. That the capital investment be managed and monitored through the School Organisation, Capital Programme and Admissions Board, (previously Modernising Schools Programme Board) be approved. The Director of Children's Services has delegated authority to administer the capital, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Economy, Education, Learning and Skills.

Reason for Decisions

To allow capital investment in the education estate, in support of children and families, by providing appropriate specialist provision close to their families, home and communities.

Questions from County Councillors

- 46 No questions were asked by members under Standing Order 20(2).

Meeting Duration: 10.00 am - 11.40 am



Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset,
DT1 1XJ on Tuesday, 13 March 2018

Present:

Pauline Batstone (Chairman)

Katharine Garcia, Kevin Brookes, Toni Coombs, Beryl Ezzard, Bill Pipe and Kate Wheller

Members Attending

Steve Butler, Cabinet Member for Safeguarding

Jill Haynes, Cabinet Member for Health and Care

Officer Attending: John Alexander (Senior Assurance Manager - Performance), Sarah Baker (Group Finance Manager), Nick Jarman (Interim Director for Children's Services), Cathy Lewis (Communications Officer (Internal)), Mark Taylor (Group Manager - Governance and Assurance), Sally Wernick (Strategic Lead for Safeguarding and Quality - Adults) and Helen Whitby (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

(Note: These minutes have been prepared by officers as a record of the meeting and of any decisions reached. They are to be considered and confirmed at the next meeting of the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on:
Thursday, 5 July 2018

Apologies for Absence

14 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Derek Beer and Steven Lugg.

Code of Conduct

15 There were no declarations by members of disclosable pecuniary interests under the Code of Conduct.

Minutes

16 The minutes from the meeting held on 30 January 2018 were agreed and signed.

Public Participation

17 Public Speaking

There were no public questions received at the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 21(1).

There were no public statements received at the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 21(2).

Petitions

There were no petitions received at the meeting in accordance with the County Council's Petition Scheme.

Early Intervention and Prevention

18 The Committee considered a report by the Interim Director for Children's Services on early intervention and prevention with a focus on children, young people and families in Dorset. The report had been requested by the Committee at the last meeting.

The purpose of early intervention and prevention (EiP) was to work together on a multi-agency basis in a preventative way in order to divert or reduce demand on expensive public services in the longer term. A reduction in demand on services and

greater social cohesion had been recorded in areas adopting EiP compared to greater spend, less cohesion and more crime and anti-social behaviour in authorities who had not adopted EiP. There were now clear principles on which EiP was based, and some councils had demonstrated that the return on every pound invested was £7.

Dorset's EiP work was based on Family Partnership Zones (FPZs), which were based around seven school pyramids. They had only recently been established and a return on investment was not expected for approximately 15 months. There were four tests to demonstrate whether the investment was successful - a reduction in the number of children coming into care, fewer children with child protection plans, less referrals and fewer school exclusions.

In discussion the following were highlighted:-

- the pressure put on Portland families by the lack of school transport, how this might lead to increased exclusions and the need for early intervention
- the report from young researchers as part of the review on isolation and loneliness being undertaken by the People and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The findings showed that 22% of responders did not feel supported by their parents or safe at home. The report would be distributed to members of the Committee when it was available.
- members' involvement in FPZs
- the need for better connection between FPZs and youth services, particularly in Purbeck

In response, the Interim Director explained that one of the aims of EiP was to try to reduce people's dependency on services by providing an earlier offer of help.

Members had a role in scrutinising the return on investment and testing out the principles being followed. The update report from the Interim Director confirmed that the Council should be in a position to have the outcomes of an early assessment of impact and return on investment by May 2018. This would assess the revised arrangements against the four key outcomes measures that had been agreed at the inception of the new arrangement. The Director agreed to provide this information to the members of the Committee as soon as they were available. It was also confirmed that figures about return on investment would be incorporated and reported through the Outcomes Focused Monitoring Report in future.

Members noted that an update report on Youth Services was scheduled to be provided for the meeting on 5 July 2018.

Resolved

That officers provide further evidence after May 2018 that the Council's investment in EiP is working and delivering results which can be expected.

Recruitment and Retention Work in Adult Social Care

19 The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Director for Adult Care on recruitment and retention work in Adult Social Care.

Members noted that last year a work force plan had been developed for adult social care in order to identify priorities, meet challenges, improve resilience and capacity to deliver complex work. As a result, recruitment had been more successful and the overall situation had improved. More staff had been employed to meet increased demand as a result of Mental Health Capacity Act/Deprivation of Liberty cases in recognition of the Council's safeguarding role. The workforce was currently undergoing a two year major transformation programme and additional funding from the Better Care Fund had been provided for hospital teams in order to deliver

improved performance for transfers of care. This funding would be at risk if performance did not meet set targets. It was essential that there was sufficient capacity, and recruitment and retention initiatives, in order for the Council to meet its responsibilities.

Members were assured that any use of agency staff to cover vacancies/sickness had always been within budget, that vacancy rates had fallen from 15.5% in May 2017 to 8% more recently, the unqualified workforce had reduced from 5% to 3% and work by managers and HR colleagues had led to a reduction in sickness absence from 10.9 days to 7.8 days.

With regard to the future, the introduction of the MOSAIC ICT system for both children and adults would address new demands and improve workflow, the Council was looking to develop its own staff, develop a peripatetic scheme and carry out a recruitment and retention review to ensure salaries were competitive.

Members fully supported having a qualified workforce and asked about incentives. They were assured that there were regular reviews to ensure that jobs were competitive, training as a means of future development was offered, and everything was done to show that working for Dorset was a positive experience. Recruitment of permanent staff was a priority in order to increase capacity and agency staff were only employed as a last resort,

The Cabinet Member for Safeguarding asked whether the Council was doing anything to help providers with their recruitment difficulties. In response it was explained that commissioners were looking at the sector wide workforce and an update would be provided to the People and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Cabinet Member for Health and Care added that workforce was a key work stream within the Sustainability and Transformation Plan and that hospitals and health trusts were also experiencing recruitment and retention difficulties. She acknowledged the difficulty in some rural areas of finding domiciliary care workers to enable patients to be discharged from hospital and reported that she was to meet with Somerset colleagues to find out about their use of micro businesses to grow the workforce.

Noted

Traffic Collisions Update

20 The Committee received a verbal update from the Chairman of the Task and Finish Group (the Group) on Road Traffic Collisions. The Committee were also provided with a written update.

The current Road Casualty Reduction Plan was to be refreshed in order to maintain the focus on activity and understand the Council's role in improving outcomes. This would set a baseline from which performance could be judged. It would not include unrealistic targets which the Council would have no control over, but ones which, if not achieved, the Council could progress towards. The Plan would be provided for the Committee to consider in due course. The Group had discussed the need for a driver education campaign and the identification of rural routes for hard standings for speed cameras which, it was hoped, would impact on driving patterns across the county.

With regard to whether it would be easy for the public to report drivers for use of drink, drugs or badly maintained vehicles, it was explained that there would need to be an education and learning campaign to increase awareness. The Council might also be able to learn from other local authorities' experience.

It was suggested that 20mph zones be introduced around schools at specific times of the day. Although the Group had not considered this, it would be raised with officers.

Any suggestions which would contribute towards road safety would be welcomed by the Group.

Members noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner hoped to digitalise speed cameras and introduce an average speed check, and that the Group had previously discussed average speed

A more detailed report would be provided for the next meeting.

Resolved

That a more detailed report, giving clear recommendations of those priority areas for initial focus, be provided for the next meeting.

Outcomes Focused Monitoring Report, March 2018

21 The Committee considered a report by the Interim Director for Children's Services which set out progress against the 2017-18 Corporate Plan, the population indicators for the Safe outcome, and the associated performance measures which showed the County impact on outcomes.

Particular attention was drawn to areas where there were negative trends in performance and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's review of aspects relating to these. It was hoped that early intervention strategies discussed earlier in the meeting would have a positive impact on the number of children coming into care and the number of children having a child protection plan.

One member explained that, in the long term, early intervention should reduce the number of children in care, an early indication of its success should be its impact on children in need. She was also disappointed in the increase in first time entrants to the criminal justice system.

Although the Interim Director for Children's Services had indicated earlier in the meeting that there were four performance indicators relating to early intervention and prevention, only three were currently reported on. There was no indicator relating to the number of children excluded from school as this was not seen as a particular issue in Dorset. However, officers would consider how to report on exclusion figures and incorporate these into future reports.

With regard to anti-social behaviour and crime reduction, members noted that the Criminal Justice Board, partners and agencies had clear roles in seeking to address these issues, alongside the Community Safety Partnership. One member referred to an initiative currently being discussed by the Dorset Police and Crime Panel who will be seeking opportunities for closer integration and discussions between the various agencies and forums to achieve better outcomes.

Resolved

That officers consider how to report on school exclusion figures in future.

Work Programme

22 The Committee considered its work programme.

Members were reminded that items on Youth Service Provision, Whole Family Approach (focused on the elderly), an update on domestic abuse and elective home education were to be considered on 5 July 2018. An update on Road Traffic Collisions had been added to that agenda, alongside the outcomes of the assessment of return from investment on Family Partnership Zones, which had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

One member raised the concern about possible policy changes being considered and introduced prior to forthcoming Local Government Reform and asked where these arrangements would be scrutinised. It was agreed that this would be brought to the attention of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 25 April 2018. Members were reminded that they also had the ability to undertake scrutiny exercises outside of formal Committee meetings.

The Chairman suggested a Task and Finish Group be established to look at corporate parenting and Cllr Toni Coombs agreed to be involved.

Resolved

That items on Youth Service Provision, Whole Family Approach (focused on the elderly), a domestic abuse update, elective home education, return on investment from Family Partnership Zones and an update on Road Traffic Collisions be provided for the meeting on 5 July 2018.

Questions from County Councillors

23 No questions were asked by members under Standing Order 20(2).

Meeting Duration: 10.00 am - 11.26 am

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People and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ on Wednesday, 21 March 2018.

Present:

David Walsh (Chairman)
Mary Penfold (Vice-Chairman), Derek Beer, Graham Carr-Jones, Katharine Garcia, Andrew Parry, Byron Quayle and William Trite.

Members Attending

Jill Haynes, Cabinet Member for Health and Care

Officers Attending: John Alexander (Senior Assurance Manager - Performance), Diana Balsom (Commissioning Manager, Housing and Prevention), Paul Beecroft (Communications Officer (Internal)), Harry Capron (Assistant Director - Adult Care), Nicky Cleave (Deputy Director of Public Health), Helen Coombes (Transformation Programme Lead for the Adult and Community Forward Together Programme), Sian Critchell (Finance Manager), Doug Gilbert (Advisor - Children's Services), Siobain Hann (Commissioning Manager, Partnerships), Nick Jarman (Interim Director for Children's Services), Ciara Ryan (Better Care Fund Project Manager), Mark Taylor (Group Manager - Governance and Assurance) and Helen Whitby (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

(Notes: These minutes have been prepared by officers as a record of the meeting and of any decisions reached. They are to be considered and confirmed at the next meeting of the People and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on **Wednesday, 4 July 2018**.)

Apologies for Absence

11 Apologies for absence were received from Clare Sutton and Kate Wheller.

Code of Conduct

12 There were no declarations by members of disclosable pecuniary interests under the Code of Conduct.

Cllrs Katharine Garcia and Andrew Parry declared personal interests in minutes 7 and 8 as Governors of the Atlantic Academy and Ferndown Upper School respectively.

Minutes

13 The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2018 were confirmed and signed, subject to

Minute 6 - Admissions Arrangements 2019-20 and Transport Policy 2018-19
Cllr Clare Suttons' vote against Recommendations 2 and 4 being added.

Matters Arising

Minute 4 – Progress Report

The Committee were advised that a detailed report on the Review of Integrated Transport would be provided for the next meeting.

Progress on Matters Raised at Previous Meetings

14 The Committee considered a report by the Transformation Programme lead for Adult and Community Forward Together Programme which set out outstanding actions from

previous meetings and an update on identified reviews.

Noted

Public Participation

15 Public Speaking

There were no public questions received at the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 21(1).

There were no public statements received at the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 21(2).

Outcomes Focused Monitoring Report, March 2018

16 The Committee considered a report by the Transformation Programme Lead for Adult and Community Forward Together Programme which set out performance against the 2017-18 Corporate Plan and population indicators for the Healthy and Independent outcomes. The report also included performance measures which showed the Council's services' contribution and impact on outcomes, risk management information relating to outcomes and population indicators, and some value for money information relating to the three service directorates.

Particular attention was drawn to the continuing increase in the number of hospital admissions for alcohol related conditions, particularly women, the small reduction in the proportion of children reaching a good level of development at age 5, and the 18% fall in the proportion of social care clients reporting sufficient social contact between 2015-16 and 2016-17.

Members noted that the Cabinet had recently agreed to care villages being developed in Wimborne and Bridport, to provide housing and other services. Subject to planning permission, it had also agreed a programme of modular housing on the same sites which would provide quicker, temporary accommodation which could be relocated once the care villages were built. With regard to whether this would be developed in other areas, it was confirmed that a detailed needs assessment was being carried out across all districts and would be completed the end of April 2018. Then consideration would be given to how these needs could best be met.

The Cabinet Member for Health and Care reminded the Committee that the Council could not address social isolation, it could only provide care that was necessary. It was hoped that work with communities would help reduce social isolation in future.

With regard to successful completions of alcohol treatment services, Dorset's performance was better than the national average of 39.5%. A new integrated all age service had been commissioned in the last six months and it was hoped that the good performance would continue and where possible be increased.

The reduction in the number of clients engaging with Livewell Dorset from the most deprived quartile was disappointing, however, this group was difficult to engage. It was hoped that the number of contacts would be doubled across the Public Health Dorset area next year with the service being brought back in-house from April 2018. A new on-line digital offer was also being developed to allow for more engagement with people in different ways.

In response to questions, members noted that it was hoped that the current 5,000 contacts per year relating to smoking, obesity, exercise and alcohol, would be increased to 10,000. Most contacts were by telephone when trained people would discuss behaviour change, brief interventions and signpost people to the support they needed. People were then contacted again later to see whether there had been any change in their behaviour.

With regard to the proportion of people who use services, and carers, who find it easy to find information about services, this information was drawn from the Annual Adult Social Care Survey which gave an indication of trends. Over the next 12 months efforts would be made to make it easier for people to know how much they had available for care and find alternative providers. There was a need for better coordination with GP practices so that people could be supported better at home in order to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions. Work was also underway to better understand the support people needed in trying to access services by creating community capacity.

As people were likely to seek help from pharmacies, a member asked whether there was any liaison with them. It was explained that Public Health had contact with pharmacies via the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). A meeting between Public Health and Adult Social Care was planned in April and among the items being discussed would be how capacity could be used to best effect, including contact pharmacies. Members noted that the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board had oversight of the PNA and that Public Health commissioned some services from pharmacies.

Noted

Delayed Discharges Performance

17 The Committee considered a report by the Transformation Programme Lead for Adult and Community Forward Together Programme which provided an update on delayed discharge performance within the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board area. A presentation was also used to provide additional information.

The Council had a role to play in ensuring people left hospital when they were ready for discharge and, although there had been pressures on acute hospitals across the country, Dorset had performed comparatively well. There had been particular pressure over last six months and, although historically Dorset had been in the bottom ten performing local authorities, over the last year it had improved to 126/151. This was a huge achievement.

Members were provided with an update on the position with regard to discharges for people with mental health issues and work being undertaken to address availability of accommodation, to develop provider relationships, to increase workforce capacity, and the use of micro-businesses to respond to local need.

The Better Care Fund had provided some funding for discharge planning in community hospitals, for support and reablement services. Better Care Funding was at risk if performance did not meet set targets.

Members raised several issues - whether the number of days could be translated into the number of people affected, reasons for delayed discharges, the effect of closure of community hospitals and loss of beds, whether people leaving hospitals were provided with essentials at home, intermediate placements and whether best practice from other local authorities was gathered.

In response, members noted that the Council now received daily information about hospital patients in relation to discharge; front line staff were motivated to get people out of hospital when they were medically fit for discharge; staff were aware of the pressure caused by delayed discharges; care package shortages and availability of residential care were the main reasons for delays; the on-going work with providers to identify issues at an early stage; Salisbury and Yeovil Hospitals were included in all work undertaken; and all hospitals had follow up schemes to support those being discharged. Attention was drawn to the fact that Dorset's improvement had been

based on people returning home, where other authorities' good performance had been based on the use of residential care.

The Cabinet Member for Health and Care referred to the glitch in performance in August 2017 and explained that this was due to carers being on holiday and there being fewer carers to cover duties. She also reported on a recent meeting of social care leads where Somerset's work on micro-businesses had been explained. She would be investigating this further.

If Dorset was to make further significant progress, this would be achieved by better partnership working and use of new or alternative types of service. A forward plan had been devised.

Members asked for some case studies to be provided for a future meeting.

Resolved

That some case studies be provided for a future meeting.

Dorset Education Performance - Where we are now and last level of Results

18 (Cllrs Katharine Garcia and Andrew Parry declared personal interests in the minute below as Governors of the Atlantic Academy and Ferndown Upper School respectively.)

The Committee considered a report by the Interim Director for Children's Services on Dorset Education Performance - where we are now and the last level of results.

Members noted that in Dorset there was a mixed economy of academies and maintained schools. The report showed Dorset's performance in terms of rankings for the 150 local authorities under the categories of attainment and disadvantaged gap. Attention was drawn to areas where performance was less than the minimum standards, that Dorset Middle Schools made less progress and the impact this had on overall performance, the two new schools in Key Stage 4, concerns for schools within Weymouth and Portland and secondary school performance generally

The Chairman reminded officers that an inquiry day on education performance had been planned last year, but this had been delayed. The Committee's previous report had identified issues and actions to be explored and the purpose of the current report was to provide an update on performance since then. Performance had not improved and no changes had been made as a result of the previous report. The Committee's role was to identify any issues and scrutinise steps taken to address these and improve performance.

The Interim Director for Children's Services explained how resources had been delegated to schools over a period of years which had resulted in maximum delegation to schools, making them all but autonomous, and reduced responsibilities for local authorities. So any attempt to bring about improved performance would have to be at the strategic level where there were prescribed duties in law, or in partnership and co-operation with schools. Of particular concern were schools in Weymouth and Portland and especially Portland where there were low levels of social mobility and education attainment. Rapid improvement was needed and efforts would need to be focused to bring about change.

The pressure on schools and teachers by development and the delay in building new schools was highlighted. It was explained that Dorset could respond well to demand. Dorset schools had always performed well but schools in other areas were now outperforming them and even though the Ofsted regime raised performance, Dorset schools were no longer performing as well as they did. With the maximisation of delegation to schools, the Council only ran central services where schools, through

the Schools Forum, allowed it to retain funding.

In response to questions, members noted that figures only included learners in Dorset schools, children taught out of area would be included in figures for those areas, Dorset did provide education for children from other areas, performance of Dorset children placed out of county was not compared to children placed in Dorset by other local authorities but these were few in number, looked after children attainment was reported to the Corporate Parenting Board, and the authority needed to do all it could to close the gap between attainment of looked after children and their peers.

Resolved

That officers contact similar local authorities to establish how they managed school performance and relationships with schools and report their findings to the meeting on 10 October 2018.

The Relationship Between the Council, Schools and Academies

19 (Cllrs Katharine Garcia and Andrew Parry declared personal interests in the minute below as Governors of the Atlantic Academy and Ferndown Upper School respectively.)

The Committee considered a report by the Interim Director for Children's Services regarding a more clearly defined relationship between the Council and schools of all types and consultation with schools to establish their needs and wants in terms of a relationship with the Council, and to take account of the overall financial position, traded services, operational environment, collaboration, critical challenge and support, and the national context. The report had been considered by the Cabinet on 7 March 2018.

The Council's priority would be to focus on advice, improvement, shared responsibility for the quality of education and opportunities for schools to influence the areas with which the Council should be involved. The suggested consultation would be by way of the Dorset Secondary Heads Association and individually with primary schools.

Members expressed the concern that the Committee had been asked to scrutinise the report after the Cabinet had reached a decision. The Cabinet's decision was read out and members commented that they hoped scrutiny would be carried out pre-decision in future. That said, members supported the Cabinet's decision.

With regard to the policy for smaller schools, members agreed that in order to preserve rural schools, they should be encouraged to develop into larger academies or federated schools in order to make best use of resources and take advantage of economies of scale.

In view of the poor performance of Portland schools already noted, it was suggested that officers contact other similar local authorities to establish how they managed school performance and relationships with schools. Members asked for this information to be provided for their meeting on 10 October 2018.

Resolved

1. That the Cabinet decision be supported.
2. That officers contact similar local authorities to establish how they managed school performance and relationships with schools and report their findings to the meeting on 10 October 2018.
3. That the report's recommendations in relation to small rural schools be supported.

Mental Health Enquiry Day December 2017

20 The Committee considered a report by the Commissioning Manager, Partnerships, which reported on the outcomes of the Mental Health Enquiry Day held on 13

December 2017.

The report included a summary of the key issues identified (consistency, accessibility, community facing and style and culture) and areas for action. The Council had already acted on the findings it was responsible for but some identified actions were for other organisations to respond to.

The enquiry day was considered to have been very useful in identifying mental health issues across Dorset. Both service users and carers had taken part and relayed their experiences of services provided.

The need to manage the boundary between the work of this review and the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee in order to reduce the potential for duplication was highlighted.

It was noted that a joint commissioning group was to be set up with the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group which would include operational and commissioning teams. This would use one care pathway in order to build capacity, and would identify both short and long-term accommodation and more community support.

It was agreed that the report be sent to appropriate organisations with an invitation for them to consider the recommendations arising from the enquiry day. This would be followed up at a later date to establish what action, if any, they had taken.

Resolved

1. That the report be sent to appropriate organisations for them to consider the recommendations arising from the enquiry day.
2. That a follow up letter be sent at a later date to establish what action, if any, these organisations had taken.

Homelessness

21 The Committee received an update on the review of homelessness.

A discussion had been held with the Lead Member around homelessness and causes and social factors contributing to it. It was suggested that a summary report be provided for the next meeting setting out facts, figures, trends, impacts on people and services, the Council's approaches, work done in partnership, what worked and did not work as a means of determining the way forward.

Members recounted their experience of homelessness and fully supported the suggested approach.

Resolved

That a report as set out above be provided for the meeting on 4 July 2018.

Workforce Capacity Review

22 The Committee received a presentation from the Transformation Programme Lead for Adult and Community Forward Together Programme which provided a summary of the adult social care sector and workforce in Dorset.

The Committee were reminded that officers were asked to focus on the recruitment and retention of workforce following the Inquiry Day into the Cost and Quality of Care on 13 February 2017. They were provided with information about the size and structure of the workforce in Dorset, recruitment and retention, a staffing overview, demographics, pay, qualifications, training and skills and current initiatives to increase recruitment and retention of staff.

It was important for care providers to move away from their focus on hourly pay and

casual contracts, towards more long-term investment and sustainability in order to offer the best deal to the workforce. The Council's commissioners had been asked to establish how many workers were needed within their segment of the market in order to try to meet this demand. Somerset had been particularly successful in setting up micro-providers in communities to meet people's care needs and Dorset were taking steps to follow this lead.

With regard to the level of service micro-providers might give, it was explained that they could provide people with more choice and flexibility as to how they spent their money.

Noted

Work Programme

23 The Committee considered a report by the Transformation Programme Lead for the Adult and Community Forward Together Programme which detailed the updated work programme for 2017-18.

The following items were added to the work programme:-

- an update on the Mental Health Review for the meeting on 10 October 2018
- a briefing note on homelessness on 4 July 2018

Officers were asked to establish whether the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee were to review adoption and fostering.

Resolved

1. That the above items be added to the work programme.
2. That officers establish whether the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee were to review adoption and fostering.

Questions from County Councillors

24 No questions were asked by members under Standing Order 20(2).

Meeting Duration: 10.00 am - 12.35 pm

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Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at County Hall, Colliton Park,
Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ on Monday, 26 March 2018

Present:

Ray Bryan (Chairman)

Cherry Brooks (Vice-Chairman), Jon Andrews, Andy Canning, Jean Dunseith, Spencer Flower,
Jon Orrell, Margaret Phipps and David Shortell

Members Attending

Daryl Turner, Cabinet Member for Natural and Built Environment

Derek Beer, County Councillor for Shaftesbury

Officers Attending: Mike Harries (Corporate Director for Environment and Economy), John Alexander (Senior Assurance Manager - Performance), Bridget Betts (Environment Officer), Doug Gilbert (Advisor - Children's Services), Julie Hammon (Wild Purbeck Project Assistant), Rosie Knapper (Acting Senior Advisor - Children's Services), Anthony Littlechild (Corporate Sustainability Officer), Rupert Lloyd (Programme Co-ordinator), Matthew Piles (Service Director - Economy, Natural and Built Environment) and Fiona King (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

(Note: These minutes have been prepared by officers as a record of the meeting and of any decisions reached. They are to be considered and confirmed at the next meeting of the Committee to be held on **Thursday, 28 June 2018.**)

Apologies for Absence

10 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Deborah Croney, Cabinet Member for Economy, Education, Learning and Skills.

Code of Conduct

11 There were no declarations by members of disclosable pecuniary interests under the Code of Conduct.

Minutes

12 The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2018 were confirmed and signed subject to the deletion of the word 'minor' in Minute 48, under the Reason for Decision paragraph.

Public Participation

13 There were no public questions received at the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 21(1).

There were no public statements received at the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 21(2).

The Government's 25 Year Environmental Plan and Dorset County Council "green assets"

14 The Committee considered a report from the Coast and Countryside Service Manager which included a summary of the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan and showed how these were relevant to all four of the County Council's corporate outcomes.

Members also received the following presentations:-

- The Healthy Places Project - which gave members a focus on natural environment and prevention, along with an overview of collaborative work with Public Health and Dorset County Council.
- Stepping into Nature – which highlighted the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) on Stepping into Nature project to deliver health and wellbeing benefits for older people. It was a partnership of cross sector organisations. The increase in wellbeing and quality of life was highlighted. The Chairman was keen for members to receive regular updates to see how this work was progressing.
- Social, Economic and Environmental Initiatives on our Coast - This Partnership was hosted by the County Council but funded by a number of organisations. The litter free coast and sea campaign was highlighted to reduce the environmental, social and economic impacts of marine and beach litter. The Plastics Surgery campaign was highlighted which was a campaign throughout the whole of Dorset. Litter Free Dorset aimed to reduce the environmental, social and economic impacts of litter in Dorset and had been running for around a year. Park yoga had been a very successful project which was free for people to attend. The Dorset Coastal Connections Project was all about businesses and having good public places.
- The Low Carbon Dorset Project - Helping Reduce Dorset's Footprint with the aim to stimulate growth in Dorset's low carbon economy.

In respect of the healthy side of the agenda, it was commented that in the past the promotion of cycling and walking had been aimed at more energetic people, a better approach would be to design routes closer to people's homes to avoid reliance on cars and public transport. The Service Director for Economy, Natural and Built Environment advised that the Health and Wellbeing Board were currently discussing these issues and what improvements could be made. It was all about localities, making small improvements that could make a huge difference. The Director highlighted that the real challenge was to work with those groups who chose not to access and to then try and remove those boundaries.

The Vice-Chairman highlighted that with the removal of stiles and gates being put in place, the biggest group affected would be the elderly and she urged officers to ensure that the gates were accessible.

One member made reference to the huge network of horse riders and the difficulty they had with the increasing amount of traffic when trying to get to the areas that they needed to get to. The Service Director emphasised the importance of looking at all users and all modes to ensure access for all.

Following a discussion about the future in respect of Local Government reorganisation (LGR), the Service Director advised that colleagues in Planning were in constant discussion about the changes and that all local authorities were reviewing their local plans at different stages. It was also noted that already a number of projects involved joint working with the Districts and Boroughs.

A member questioned if perhaps Appendix 2 of the report could be a bit more ambitious in respect of Dorset Topsoil, the cutting down of trees and the sustainable catch of fish. The Coast and Countryside Service Manager advised that there were already a number of designated marine protected areas and that Rights of Way officers were doing joined up work across the county, including tree conservation in Dorset. It was also confirmed that there was no fracking taking place in Dorset and that any change would of course come back to members. A question was also raised about the setting off of Chinese lanterns from County Council land.

The Chairman added that he felt the waterways needed to be maintained to ensure they didn't become a health hazard and to also ensure there were facilities in place to enable someone to be able to get out of water should they fall in. He would also like to see some reference to chewing gum being discarded thoughtlessly. He also made reference to the vulnerability of heathland following a recent decision by the Planning Inspectorate and suggested it would be helpful for local businesses and members of the Committee to meet.

The Chairman thanked officers for their very informative presentations and felt that Dorset had a unique opportunity to highlight the fantastic work in the community. The major headline as he saw it was 'making Dorset a better place to live and work' with a focus on increasing tourism.

Resolved

1. That the implications of the 25 Year Environmental Plan across the full range of local authority services and County Council functions as summarised in Section 2 of the report be noted.
2. That consideration be given to the opportunities arising from the 25 Year Environment Plan, and support given to the officers to pursue these.
3. That the interim conclusions of the 'green asset' review summarised in Appendix 1 of the report be endorsed.
4. That the presentations be shared with all elected members.

Reason for Decisions

To support delivery of corporate outcomes, particularly in respect of 'healthy' and 'prosperous', associated with maintenance and enhancement of Dorset's environment.

Outcomes Focused Monitoring Report, March 2018

- 15 The Committee considered the fourth and final monitoring report against the 2017-18 corporate plan which also included the most up to date available data on the population indicators within the 'Prosperous' outcome.

The Senior Assurance Manager highlighted to members that the rate of start-up of local business was showing a marginally improving trend. He also advised of the opening of the Dorset Innovation Enterprise Zone on 26 January 2018 which supported business start-ups and growth.

An issue of concern was the percentage of children achieving the 'Basics' measures at Key Stage 4. There had been a decline over the last 2 years in educational attainment. It was noted that the People and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee had also focused on this and it was suggested that it would be sensible to let the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board decide where this area was best scrutinised in order to avoid any duplication.

The Advisor from Children's Services highlighted that whilst some schools in Dorset had declined, around half had either stayed the same or improved. There were specific concerns around the 4 schools in the Weymouth and Portland area. Two of these were Academies (The Wey Valley Sports College and the Atlantic Academy) and two were still maintained by the Local Authority (Budmouth College and All Saints School). Different levels of support had been offered to the schools but there was a wider issue around social mobility. The social mobility index covered the whole life span of people and not just those in school. The Director added that across the County 4 out of the 6 district council areas had gone down in the indices with particular hot spots in Weymouth and Portland but in essence it was an issue for most of the County to consider.

One member highlighted the substantial drop in funding being experienced by schools in Weymouth and Portland but was pleased to hear that additional funding was trying to be secured to support school improvement.

Following a question from the Vice-Chairman about the length of time the Local Authority had been involved with these particular schools, the Advisor noted that the Wey Valley Sports College and Atlantic Academy had been a concern for some time, although the Wey Valley Sports College was showing signs of improvement. All Saints School required improvement and their decline had been more recent. This year's results had impacted on Budmouth College quite significantly. With both of these schools, there was clearly an issue around their leadership management going forward and officers had been working closely with both of them.

Following a discussion about Ofsted and their reputation for increasing the bar over time, officers did not feel these schools were necessarily victims of this, it was more about changes due to policy change impacting on curriculum planning.

Members discussed apprenticeships and noted the need for young people to have a good Maths and English base. The Service Director for Economy, the Natural and Built Environment advised members of a recent meeting he had attended about a Skills Academy for Dorset and that discussions were ongoing about how to move forward with this. He and the Director had been asked to lead on apprenticeships for the Authority. Members noted the importance of having young people work ready and felt it was the responsibility of schools to ensure they were ready for work at the appropriate time. The Director advised members that the 4 schools in Weymouth and Portland all now had a Careers and Enterprise Company Enterprise Advisor in place.

The Chairman commented that one year in a child's education life was crucial and the Committee needed to do all they could to help improve the situation.

The Senior Assurance Manager also highlighted the ratio of lower quartile house prices to lower quartile earnings. This had been increasing over a number of years and he drew members' attention to the area of modular housing, which the Cabinet had discussed at their meeting on 7 March 2018. The proposal referenced prefabricated modular housing which could meet the needs of people with an Adult Social Care need. Following discussion on this, the Director noted that the County Council had significant land assets and suggested looking at the model that Dorchester Town Council had used. He suggested that members might wish to consider hosting an Enquiry Day event on housing in order to get all the relevant people together to think about it further.

Noted

Review of Integrated Transport held 26 February 2018

16 Members received a verbal update from Cllr Derek Beer on the recent Review of Integrated Transport event that was held on 26 February 2018. He advised members that delegates from all walks of life, transport providers and the health service had attended. The aim was to promote local transport to do their job better and to ensure that good community transport schemes could be shared and as a networking event had been very useful. It was anticipated that a report would be presented to members of the Committee in due course to show how the work was progressing

The Service Director for Economy, Natural and Built Environment noted that a lot of the frustrations in the community were health transport related and he felt that communications needed to be promoted more and it was more about communities working together.

Cllr Beer noted that there were reasonably effective transport groups around the County and felt there was a need to promote the schemes that were available.

The Chairman added that whilst the event was a success, for any future events it would be worth considering the venue in respect of the presentation screens being accessible for all.

Noted

Work Programme

17 The Committee considered its work programme and gave consideration to the inclusion of a number of items which had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

The Service Director for Economy, Natural and Built Environment highlighted a recent conference he had attended on Rural Productivity and felt that it was a subject that members could consider at one of its meetings. Following a discussion, members agreed that the main item for the meeting on 28 June 2018 would be the Industrial Strategy. Whilst the strategy would not yet be ready for any formal discussion it could include presentations within it on Rural Productivity, the Western Growth Corridor, the Innovation Park, Dorset Leader and Dorset Growth.

Members agreed that it would be helpful to host a joint Housing Enquiry Day with District and Borough Colleagues. This would provide a good opportunity for all officers and members to come together and discuss housing before the new Unitary Council was created next year.

The Chairman advised members of a recent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) meeting he had attended and was disappointed to see that Dorset was one of the lowest funded. He felt it was important to work closer with the LEP to ensure Dorset received a fair amount of funding.

Resolved

That the Committee's Work Programme be updated accordingly.

Questions from County Councillors

18 No questions were asked by members under Standing Order 20(2).

Meeting Duration: 10.00 am - 12.15 pm

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Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at County Hall, Colliton Park,
Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ on Thursday, 8 March 2018

Present:

Bill Pipe (Chairman)

Ray Bryan, Graham Carr-Jones, Beryl Ezzard, Nick Ireland, David Jones, Bill Batty-Smith and Peter Shorland

Officers Attending: Ann Harris (Health Partnerships Officer), Siobain Hann (Commissioning Manager, Partnerships), Jo House (Senior Solicitor) and Denise Hunt (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

Others in attendance:

Des Persse (Executive Director, Healthwatch Dorset)

Mark Harris (Transformation Delivery Manager, Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group)

(Notes: These minutes have been prepared by officers as a record of the meeting and of any decisions reached. They are to be considered and confirmed at the next meeting of the Cabinet to be held on **Friday, 15 June 2018.**)

Apologies for Absence

1 Apologies for absence were received from Stephen Lugg, Peter Oggelsby, Alison Reed and Tim Morris.

Code of Conduct

2 David Jones declared a general interest as a governor of Poole Hospital NHS Hospital Trust. As this was not a disclosable pecuniary interest he remained in the meeting and took part in the debate.

Bill Batty-Smith declared a general interest as his granddaughter was employed at Dorset County Hospital. As this was not a disclosable pecuniary interest he remained in the meeting and took part in the debate.

Ray Bryan declared a general interest as a Governor of the Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust. As this was not a disclosable pecuniary interest he remained in the meeting and took part in the debate.

Minutes

3 The minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2017 were confirmed and signed.

It was noted that the minutes of the meeting on 13 November 2017 had been circulated with the agenda in error and had been confirmed and signed at the meeting on 20 December 2017.

Arising from the minutes of the meetings held on 13 November and 20 December 2017, Councillor Beryl Ezzard commented that the minutes had not provided a clear explanation of the reasons why there had been a reversal of the decision to refer the proposals contained in the Clinical Services Review to the Secretary of State for Health.

The Chairman explained that the criteria for a referral to the Secretary of State for Health had not been met and that dialogue continued with the Dorset Clinical

Commissioning Group (CCG) and therefore any referral at that stage would have been premature.

Public Participation

4 Public Speaking

Two public questions and one public statement were received at the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 21(1) and 21(2). All public participation at the meeting related to minute 6 in respect of the Clinical Services Review (CSR). The questions, answers and statement are attached as an annexure to these minutes.

Cllr Jon Orrell, County Councillor for Weymouth Town, addressed the Committee, stating that it was his view that Local Government Reorganisation had been organised into two distinct areas in order to protect the interests of Dorset outside of the Bournemouth and Poole conurbation and in the same way, the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group could not be relied upon to look after the interests of the whole of Dorset due to its geography. He stated in Weymouth & Portland, the 4 most deprived areas of Dorset including Underhill, Westham, Melcombe Regis and Littlemoor would lose the most beds under the CSR proposals. He referred to a review by the National Audit Office which had concluded that the loss of NHS beds would create a shift of people into social care and subsequently burden local authority finances. Effective scrutiny arrangements would be necessary in future to ensure that the County Council received an adequate proportion of the health and social care funding in order to look after people at home.

Petitions

There were no petitions received at the meeting in accordance with the County Council's Petition Scheme.

Appointments to Committees and Other Bodies

5 The Committee considered a report concerning appointments to committees and other bodies following the resignation of a member of the Committee.

Resolved

That the following appointments be agreed:-

- Joint Health Scrutiny Committee on the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group Clinical Services Review - Nick Ireland (David Jones - Reserve Member)
- Joint Health Scrutiny Committee on the NHS 111 Service provided by South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust - Beryl Ezzard
- Liaison Member for South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Service NHS Trust - Beryl Ezzard
- Lead Member for Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services - Bill Pipe

Reason for Decisions

To support the County Council's aim to help Dorset's citizens to remain safe, healthy and independent.

Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Re: Clinical Services Review and Mental Health Acute Care Pathway Review - Update

6 The Committee considered a report that updated on the discussions and resolutions relating to the decision by the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee to refer the Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) proposals for changes to service provision to the Secretary of State for Health.

The report was introduced by the Health Partnerships Officer who explained that, although the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (JHSC) did not support a referral to the Secretary of State for Health, it had agreed that further scrutiny of the capacity and

performance of the ambulance service was necessary. This would be undertaken by another Joint Committee already established to look at the NHS 111 service and a meeting would be convened in due course.

Councillor Nick Ireland stated that there was a public perception that the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee (DHSC) was not fulfilling its duties and that changes to the Clinical Services Review proposals had taken place as a result of campaigning rather than the direct involvement of the Committee. He noted that the retention of maternity services at Dorset County Hospital were as a result of withdrawal from discussions by the Somerset CCG. He considered that the residents in Purbeck would be disadvantaged with worse travel times in 9 out of 10 cases. Furthermore, these timings did not take account of waiting times in the ambulance on arrival at Dorset County Hospital. He proposed that there was a reversal of the decision made by the Committee on 20 December 2017 and that the proposals in the Clinical Services Review (CSR) were referred to the Secretary of the State for Health.

Responding to the proposal, the Chairman stated that evidence and justification would be required in order to make the referral and that there was no evidence to suggest that communication had broken down with the CCG.

Members debated the proposal with some of the view that there had been insufficient engagement with the CCG and a lack of evidence that the proposed changes would result in better health services for Dorset residents. They also noted that the proposals outlined in the CSR had recently been accepted for a Judicial Review. It was suggested that a working group could consider any further evidence and assess whether the criteria for a referral to the Secretary of State had been met.

Legal advice was sought on this point and the Solicitor confirmed the requirement to establish whether the threshold for a referral had been met in the first instance.

Some members considered that a referral could be made based on criteria in relation to the adequacy of the consultation and the proposals not being in the interests of the health service in the area, however, they accepted the need to consider further whether the evidence met this threshold before proceeding with a referral.

The Health Partnerships Officer informed the Committee that there had been engagement with the CCG for a period of two years prior to the formal consultation period. The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (JHSC) had submitted its response to the formal consultation which had included the comments of the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee (DHSC). The response had raised concerns, but had not been wholly critical of the proposals at that time.

Members also heard that Healthwatch had published its concerns regarding the consultation process and considered that there was a lack of understanding by citizens of the area in relation to the changes that were being proposed.

Following some debate, it was concluded that the Committee should examine the evidence and further legal advice was requested. The Solicitor advised that the decision made on 20 December 2017 had been based on advice provided at the meeting which suggested that the threshold had not been met. If there was further evidence then a report would be needed at the next committee meeting to outline this evidence. It was confirmed that a referral to the Secretary of State was likely to be put on hold pending the outcome of the Judicial Review.

Members felt that, even if there were insufficient grounds for a referral on the basis of inadequate consultation with the Committee, there may be grounds on the basis of the proposals not being in the interest of the health service in the area. In light of the evidence coming forward and to meet the legal requirements, Councillor David Jones

proposed that a working group of members, to include the Chairman of the Committee, was arranged. This group would ask for submissions, including from the public and Healthwatch, and submit a report to an extraordinary meeting of the Committee to which the CCG would be invited.

Members were informed of the potential time constraints in providing this information prior to the next committee meeting scheduled in June 2018 due to the time necessary for the group to gather the submissions and to produce a report.

Resolved (unanimous)

That the Committee, in the light of the referral of the proposals to Judicial Review, the concerns raised by Councillors and members of the public, establishes a task and finish group of five members including the Chairman, to reconsider the evidence and any new evidence which might be submitted and to report to a special meeting on a date to be arranged.

NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group - Integrated Urgent Care Service

7 The Committee considered a report by the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and received a presentation by the Transformation Delivery Manager on the Dorset Integrated Urgent Care proposals.

Members asked whether the plan included greater utilisation of assets for extended periods during the day or night rather than the existing reliance on staff availability. They were informed that this was being considered as part of a project in relation to the urgent treatment centres and providing a consistent offer that included access to diagnostic testing. This project also sought to address the challenges of having staff in the right place to operate the specialist equipment.

Members also heard that it was hoped to introduce online GP consultations by December 2018 in conjunction with the 111 service, subject to the outcome of a procurement process. The expected timeframe for the call handler to refer users to an appropriate provider would be dependent on the clinical input by the Clinical Assessment Service (CAS) with the aim being to provide a seamless service. There remained challenges to be overcome concerning demand and capacity, that could be partly mitigated by GPs being able to answer calls when needed.

The Executive Director of Healthwatch stated that the proposals outlined new models of care that represented a significant variation of service that would require further scrutiny. The consultation had been very limited and inadequate and the Equalities Impact Assessment had also fallen short of what an appropriate assessment should be and should therefore be subject to further scrutiny.

The Committee was advised that this was a nationally mandated service and that a communications plan was in place to clearly articulate the arrangements once the contract was awarded.

Members asked about the urgent element of improving access given the noticeable loss of GP services and were advised that this concerned extending the hours of primary care from 6.00pm to 8.30pm Monday to Friday and to have a consistent offer irrespective of where people lived.

The greater use of technology to monitor health at home was also questioned and members were informed that technologies including Skype were continuously being considered in the context of its safe usage.

Resolved

That a further report outlining the concerns of Healthwatch in relation to the Integrated Urgent Care Service proposals is considered by the Committee at its meeting in June

or September 2018.

Reason for Decision

To support the County Council's aim to help Dorset's citizens to remain safe, healthy and independent.

Mental Health Inquiry Day December 2017

8 The Committee considered a report presented by the Commissioning Manager for Partnerships, Dorset County Council Adult and Community Services, concerning a member led inquiry day into mental health in Dorset on 13 December 2017. The key issues arising from group sessions held on the day had been described in the report and included:-

- consistency - differences in level/scope of services
- accessibility - the need to look at accessibility of services the lower end of the mental health spectrum.
- the continuing negative profile of mental health
- the lack of person-centred recovery support

The intention would be to integrate the findings of the inquiry day into the business as usual work of the operational and commissioning teams with an additional recommendation to create a joint commissioning group with the CCG and integrate with the mental health acute care pathway. This work had received a high level of support from local authority partners.

New models of care that met the needs of the community and ensured the correct levels of support were currently being investigated. The existing model of shared accommodation was inefficient and no longer considered to be appropriate. The Council was therefore working with local authority partners to provide alternative solutions that allowed people to live independently in their own homes.

Members noted that 50% of candidates in the youth parliament had campaigned on mental health issues and that help for young people at an early stage would be beneficial for their adult lives over the longer term.

The current response by dementia services was also being reviewed, particularly early onset dementia, as well as early intervention for carers facing mental health issues due to their role. The admiral nurse model would also be considered as part of this review.

Noted

Mental Health Support for Children and Young People: Inquiry Day - Scoping Document

9 The Committee considered a report concerning a review of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) including the scoping document for a proposed Inquiry Day on Monday 21 May 2018. The scope of the Inquiry Day would now include wider, lower level support, as well as the more intensive CAMHS provision.

An initial planning meeting for the Inquiry Day had taken place, with a further meeting scheduled on 4 April 2018. Planning for the event was ongoing and some initial invitations had been sent with a good response from those who had been contacted. Healthwatch was part of the planning group for this event.

Noted

Forward Work Programme

10 The Committee noted its work programme and the following additional item:-

- Accountable Care Systems - 15 June 2018, Dorset County Hospital to be invited to this meeting
- Referral to Secretary of State for Health - Report of Task & Finish Group - 15 June 2018 or earlier if practicable
- Urgent Integrated Care Service - date to be advised
- The Dementia Services Review (a briefing in June to be followed by a full report in September).

Briefings for Information/Note

- 11 The Committee considered a report containing briefings for information concerning the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group: Assisted Conception Policy and NHS England: Modernising Radiotherapy Services in England.

Noted

Liaison Member Updates

- 12 Councillor Shorland advised that the next meeting of the Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust would take place in April 2018.

Councillor Nick Ireland updated members on changes in personnel in the Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust.

The Health Partnerships Officer advised that she would contact the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust with details of the new liaison member.

Questions from County Councillors

- 13 A question was submitted by Councillor Nick Ireland under Standing Order 20 (2) that was considered under minute 4 and is attached in the annexure to these minutes.

Meeting Duration: 10.00 am - 12.55 pm