

# Agenda

Dorset County Council



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Meeting: Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
Time: 10.00 am  
Date: Wednesday, 15 June 2016  
Venue: Committee Room 1, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ

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Daryl Turner (Chairman)	Hilary Cox (Vice-Chairman)
Richard Biggs	Mike Byatt
Andy Canning	Ronald Coatsworth
Mervyn Jeffery	Mike Lovell
Margaret Phipps	John Wilson

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**(a) Public Speaking**

Members of the public can ask questions and make statements at the meeting. The closing date for us to receive questions is 10.00am on 10 June 2016, and statements by midday the day before the meeting.

**(b) Petitions**

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

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## 1. **Chairman's Introductions**

## 2. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

## 3. **Code of Conduct**

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## 4. **Public Participation**

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

To consider any requests for public speaking.

### **(b) Petitions**

To consider the submission of two petitions, namely:-

- (i) Procedure for Petitions - Petition entitled "Superfast Broadband for Ridge"

To consider a report by the Head of Economy (attached).

- (ii) Procedure for Petitions – "Petition for Superfast Broadband for Pulham and surrounding areas".

To consider a report by the Head of Economy (attached).

## 5. **Terms of Reference**

To note the Committee's Terms of Reference, as follows:-

### **Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

- **Purpose:** Delivering good outcomes for the residents and communities we serve through a constructive, proactive and objective approach to the consideration, scrutiny and review of policies, strategies, financial and performance issues.
- **Overview Function**
  - To review and develop policy at the Committee's own initiative or at the request of the Cabinet or the Public Health Joint Board and make recommendations to the Cabinet, Joint Committee or the Full Council.
  - To oversee major consultations and make recommendations to the

- Cabinet, Joint Committee or the Full Council.
- To give advice on any matters as requested by the Cabinet or the Joint Committee.
- **Scrutiny Function**
  - To hold the Executive to account through a process that seeks and considers necessary explanations, information and evidence to ensure good outcomes for our residents and communities.
  - Through proactive scrutiny inquiry work, to contribute to improving the lives of our residents and communities, through an active contribution to the Council's improvement agenda.
  - To scrutinise key areas of strategic and operational activity and, where necessary, make recommendations to the Full Council, Cabinet or Joint Committee in respect of;
    - Matters which affect the Council's area or its residents.
    - Performance of services in accordance with the targets in the Corporate Plan or other approved service plans.
    - To provide a clear focus on finding efficiency savings in accordance with requirements in the Council's financial strategy.
    - To monitor expenditure against available budgets and, where necessary, make recommendations to the Cabinet or the Joint Committee.
    - To consider proposed budget plans, service plans and any other major planning or strategic statements and to make recommendations to the Cabinet or the Joint Committee.

**Specific responsibilities for the Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee are:-**

- To exercise a proactive and effective overview and scrutiny of functions to ensure the effective delivery of those specific outcomes as contained in the Corporate Plan.
- Outcome - To ensure that Dorset's Economy is **Prosperous**
- A thriving local economy provides us all with more opportunities as.....
  - New businesses thrive and existing businesses become more productive;
  - More people secure the employment opportunities of their choice;
  - Dorset's residents are well educated, with the skills that Dorset's employers need;
  - Good quality, affordable homes are available for Dorset's people;
  - People and goods are able to move about the County safely and efficiently.

*The Committee has the power to co-opt additional (non-voting) persons to provide routine and / or ad-hoc support to provide access to specific skills and knowledge.*

**6. Corporate Plan**

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To note the Corporate Plan and its Corporate Aims (attached).

**7. The Committee, in Context - Dorset's economy is Prosperous**

The Cabinet Member for Economy and Growth to address the Committee on the vision for delivering economic growth throughout Dorset for it to be **prosperous** and the strategy for doing this, with the purpose and aims of the Committee being set in context by the Lead Officer, as Director for Environment and the Economy and the Head of Economy, together with an initial induction from supporting

officers on the principles of the Committee, including :-

- what scrutiny entails and how this function should be applied;
- understanding the purpose of the Committee and making sense of the part it plays in meeting the aims of the Corporate Plan;
- the means by which this might be achieved;
- an explanation of the State of Dorset Economy, the role of the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership and the relationship these will have with the Committee.

An opportunity will also be provided to meet principal officers and those relevant Heads of Service who will regularly service the Committee.

**8. Outcomes Based Accountability - Context Setting** 15 - 30

To consider a report by the Chief Executive (attached).

**9. Work Programme** 31 - 32

To provide the opportunity to develop the Committee's Draft Work Programme (attached).

**So as to stimulate debate, the Chairman and Lead Officers actively encourage members to reflect on the Committee's Terms of Reference with a view to prior consideration being given to items they consider could benefit from scrutiny in looking at the Committee's Work Programme. These can be then given due consideration at the meeting.**

As a prelude to this, Councillors Canning and Biggs have proposed the establishment of a Policy Development Panel on a new residents' parking strategy for the County Council.

Useful hyperlinks relating to the responsibilities of the Committee are as follows:-

- Enabling Economic Growth Strategy – <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/article/369382/Economic-development---Dorset-County-Council>
- State of Dorset Economy – <https://apps.geowessex.com/stats/Reports/Topic/Economy>
- Cabinet Forward Plan - <http://dorset.moderngov.co.uk/mqListPlans.aspx?RPId=137&RD=0>
- Cabinet decisions taken in previous 12 months - <http://dorset.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteId=137>

**10. Dorset County Council Action Plan for Management of Pollinators** 33 - 38

To consider a report by the Director for Environment and the Economy, which is to be subsequently considered by Cabinet at their meeting on 29 June 2016 (attached).

**11. Questions from County Councillors**

To answer any questions received in writing by the Chief Executive by not later than 10.00am on Friday 10 June 2016.