



## Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at County Hall, Colliton Park,  
Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ on Monday, 16 October 2017

**Present:**

Councillor Ray Bryan (Chairman)

Councillor Cherry Brooks (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Jon Andrews, Andy Canning, Jean Dunseith, Peter Hall, Jon Orrell, Margaret Phipps  
and David Shortell.

Officer Attending: Mike Harries (Director for Environment and the Economy), Matthew Piles (Service Director – Economy), Andrew Martin (Service Director – Highways and Emergency Planning), Peter Moore (Service Director – Environment), Richard Pascoe (Head of ICT and Customer Services), Mark Taylor (Group Manager - Governance and Assurance), Andy Smith (Assistant Head of Finance), David Walsh (Economy and Enterprise Team Leader), John Alexander (Senior Assurance Manager), Peter Bartlett (Project Manager), Colin Wood (Communications Officer), Mike Garrity (County Planning Minerals and Waste Team Leader), David Trotter (Senior Assurance Officer) and David Northover (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

Public Speaker

Len Mann – local resident, minute 38.

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 Cabinet to be held on **Wednesday, 24 January 2018.**)

**Election of Chairman**

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**Resolved**

That Councillor Ray Bryan be elected Chairman of the Committee for the year 2017/18.

**Apologies for Absence**

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An apology for absence was received from Councillor Spencer Flower. Apologies were also received from Councillor Daryl Turner, Cabinet Member for Natural and Built Environment for his absence.

**Code of Conduct**

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

**Minutes**

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The minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2017 were confirmed and signed.

The notes of the Learning and Skills Focus Group meeting held on 29 June 2017 were received, with the actions and outcomes proposed to be put into practice, as necessary, endorsed.

The Service Director – Economy updated the Committee about what progress had been made since the meeting. He had met with Luke Rake - Principal at Kingston Maurward College - and other educational providers and business leaders in discussing where there was considered to be gaps in skills and learning and what

could be done to address this. Particular issues were raised about what availability there was to meet the needs of level 1/2/3 skill sets – particularly as a result of Brexit - and how this might be addressed. The Committee recognised that this skills shortage would have a direct bearing on the care, tourism and agricultural industries in particular and it was for all three tiers of Councils in Dorset to work in partnership to address this. The Committee asked that the Schools Forum and work based learning providers might also play their part in any future discussions as their input was much valued.

### **Public Participation**

33 There were no public questions received at the meeting in accordance with standing order 21(1)

There was one public statement received at the meeting – from Len Mann – in respect of minute 38 - in accordance with Standing Order 21(2).

### **Terms of Reference**

34 The Committee noted their Terms of Reference and what these entailed.

### **Putting the Committee into Context - Prosperous**

35 With the aid of a visual presentation, the purpose and aims of the Committee were set in context by lead officers: namely the Director for Environment and the Economy; the Service Director – Economy; the Service Director – Environment; the Service Director Highways and Emergency Planning and the Head of ICT and Customer Services.

The way in which the Committee was designed to operate, what economic growth entailed and the issues for focus were drawn to the attention of the Committee. Officers provided an understanding of the purpose of the Committee and making sense of the part it played in meeting the aims of the Corporate Plan and 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 had with the Committee was also outlined. How the four Corporate Outcomes: safe; healthy; independent; prosperous - would benefit from a sustainable and prosperous economy was readily acknowledged.

Opportunities and challenges facing Dorset were outlined and the part productivity; employment rates; learning and skills; housing; infrastructure and the role that the environment played in all this was explained. The principle of an Economic Growth Strategy and the benefit this would bring was explained and members recognised the part the Committee had to play in making this a success.

The part that the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership played in influencing and enabling economic growth was drawn to the Committee's attention. The success in achieving the Dorset Innovation Park (Enterprise Zone) at Winfrith Newburgh and the investment made in it was noted, as well as the importance of the Western Dorset Growth Corridor and what benefits this brought.

The importance of digital infrastructure and its availability in order to access opportunities was seen to be essential in economic growth being successful and every effort was being made to facilitate the provision of Superfast Broadband throughout the County, which was demonstrated by the County Council's continued commitment towards this. It was acknowledged that universal provision of Superfast Broadband was critical to the future economic prosperity of Dorset.

Officers explained that in enabling economic growth, consideration should be given to the part employment; housing; skills; infrastructure and the environment played and the relationship between these. Whilst sophisticated technological business played a critical part in how economic growth might be achieved, there was a need to

recognise the importance of what part other, more traditional, sectors played in this across the County, with the likes of tourism; the rural sector, and natural resource exploration, extraction and production all playing their significant part in benefitting the economy. The viability of these would ensure that rural development was maintained, with investment being made to benefit the rural sector alongside other sectors of the economy.

The Committee recognised the part that the County Council was able to play in facilitating and enabling economic growth in partnership with the private sector, this being integral to what success could be achieved. There was an acknowledgment that businesses needed to expand as well as being encouraged to locate to Dorset for prosperity to be achieved. Given the various means by which the County Council could play its part in facilitating economic growth across the County, there were seen to be significant opportunities for Dorset to achieve its aim of stimulating a more prosperous economy.

How the Highways and Emergency Planning Service operated and how its Service priorities supported economic activity were explained to the Committee. Maintenance of the County's physical infrastructure was a key element in being able to effectively contribute towards improving economic growth. The successful implementation of Strategic Partnerships between other local authorities and key stakeholders played a significant part in this. The development of the Working Together Highways Initiative with Town and Parish Council's had proven to be beneficial to what could be achieved on the ground.

How the Environment Service was able to contribute to Dorset in terms of delivering a healthy environment for Dorset, for all to access, and in key prevention activities, was acknowledged and what was being done to achieve this outlined. Access to the coast and countryside was seen to be fundamental to the health and wellbeing of all residents and visitors to the county and in benefitting the rural and coastal economy.

The role of digital infrastructure was also outlined, with greater detail being provided under minute 36.

The Chairman thanked officers for their presentation and invited members to submit any observations they had on what they had seen and heard direct to officers for their consideration.

### **Noted**

## **Access to Infrastructure - Physical, Technological and Digital**

### **36 Mobile Coverage**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of ICT and Customer Services on the extent of mobile coverage in Dorset and what the County Council was doing to play their part in ensuring improvements were made to this. It was considered that sustained efforts should be made with mobile network operators, on a more regular and elevated basis, to assist them in their ability to improve 4G connectivity across the county.

It was acknowledged that as mobile digital communications were now an integral part of everyday life and essential for social integration and economic prosperity, there was a need for coverage to be as accessible as it could be. Good coverage was also essential to be able to address social and rural isolation and on health and safety grounds.

Officers explained what both 4G and 5G entailed and had to offer. The difference between the two technologies was explained - including their density of coverage; their speeds; and how each system could be readily applied. Whilst the

challenges associated with the coverage of a rural county were recognised, there were alternative arrangements available which could be applied in certain circumstances to enhance coverage.

The prospect of using the County Council's assets on which mobile infrastructure could be sited was acknowledged and would be pursued wherever practicable.

The Committee acknowledged that good 4G coverage was essential to enable public sector transformation to take place and how this could be applied in the delivery of services. Furthermore, satisfactory 4G coverage was essential in supporting key economic sectors grow and was particularly significant in the agricultural, advanced engineering and tourism sectors which would be directly enhanced with improved 4G coverage.

In ensuring that Dorset was seen to be a desirable business destination - where business could be done wherever necessary - it was seen to be essential that coverage was as good as it possibly could be. The Committee were pleased to learn what the County Council was doing to improve coverage and enhance its quality and that its commitment to improving coverage, with the development of its Mobile Project - with identified objectives, outputs and outcomes - going a long way towards achieving this.

### **Resolved**

That having seen how improvements to mobile coverage were being delivered and what outcomes were being achieved, and having reviewed the sections set out in Section 5 of the report , the Committee were satisfied with what was currently being done.

### **Reason for Decision**

To better understand mobile data coverage (4G) in Dorset and influence commercial plans for improved coverage of both 4G and, in time, 5G mobile data services.

### **Progress on Superfast Broadband**

Arising from a commitment made at the Committee meeting on 25 January 2017- to update members on progress being made - with the aid of a visual presentation, the Committee took the opportunity to understand what progress was being made in implementing the County Councils' Digital Infrastructure Strategy, what this entailed, how it was applied and the progress being made in making connectivity improvements. The Committee was informed that the Strategy was designed to set out the overall vision and approach to transform Dorset into a digital economy in order to fully realise strategic benefits of economic growth, digital inclusion, transformation of public services and opportunities for individuals and communities across Dorset.

The Head of ICT and Customer Services outlined progress being made in the delivery of the Superfast Broadband Programme and what this entailed. This included what Superfast Dorset had already been able to achieve; what might be able to be achieved and, critically, what was being done to extend coverage to hard to reach communities which had limited, little or no reception. The Committee's attention was drawn to the practicalities and technicalities of delivering the project and what was being done to improve accessibility to it. The Superfast Dorset project aimed to deliver the most appropriate Superfast Broadband solution practicable, maximising benefits in a cost effective manner across the business and domestic community where it was not deemed to be otherwise commercially viable. It was considered that the Strategy provided a basis for the successful delivery of superfast broadband.

The presentation included reference to the speed and coverage of broadband, and the opportunities for Mobile 4G/5G to play a part in this, as well as the funding and contractual arrangements in place and emerging national policy objectives. How

communities could be encouraged to contribute towards the means of initiating schemes to meet their particular needs via the Community Fibre Partnership arrangements and through the demand led, Superfast Dorset Community Broadband Fund available to them was described. Community lead schemes were a critical means of addressing particular local broadband provision issues which might not otherwise be able to be achieved. Critical to the success of the Programme was take up. Much thought was being given to how this might be best encouraged. It was hoped that once the benefits were seen, then take up would escalate markedly. It was seen to be in the interests of all that this happened.

Members were informed what Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC) was able to achieve in comparison to Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) and how the relationship between the cabinet and the premises determined what broadband speeds were available to an individual property. The technologies associated with this, including Ultrafast, were explained briefly and how these were being applied and delivered and what practicalities there were. Innovations in technologies to improve how broadband could be delivered were constantly evolving.

The Committee had the opportunity to assess the progress being made and how improvements could continue to be made for accessibility to broadband. It was considered that the benefits to Dorset from this could well lead to the generation of significant economic and social prosperity. The Committee recognised that delivering the Superfast Broadband initiative was integral to the delivery of services in a more direct, flexible and accessible way.

Members were optimistic that the technical provision contained within the 'green cabinets' could have the scope and capacity to deliver the most advanced technologies that were available, if at all possible. They also considered that greater emphasis should be placed on connectivity to residential properties, rather than to commercial premises, given the benefits which could be derived by the individual from doing this. There was also a request that the availability of provision be made equitably across the County and, as the further work progressed, those benefits would be seen.

The Committee acknowledged how important digital connectivity was considered to be for the prosperity of Dorset and having the means to access it was considered to be essential. Giving all residents the same opportunity to access it was an obligation the Council was determined to fulfil and all was being done to achieve this.

Whilst appreciating the principle of the Strategy and what it was designed to achieve, the Committee considered that there was now the need to identify more readily how outcomes could be delivered and by whatever means was possible and practical. Of particular importance to the Committee was to know how improvements might continue to be delivered, with a specific view to identifying solutions to meet the needs of those currently having limited, little or no broadband services/speeds and to understand what was being done to achieve this.

Members appreciated the commitment being made to try to identify a means by which Superfast Broadband provision might be made more readily accessible to all communities within Dorset and how this was anticipated to be delivered. Members thanked officers for their presentation and, in now having a better understanding of what the issues were and what was being done to address them, were pleased to see what progress was being made.

#### **Members' and Stakeholders ICT Toolkit**

The Head of ICT and Customer services explained what the Members' and Stakeholders' ICT toolkit entailed and how it could be applied. It was designed to provide the means of explaining to communities how to get the best out of Superfast

Broadband, what options there were for access to it and how to go about getting it. In having this, the means of better informing the public about what options they had, what benefits these brought and how best to go about it could be achieved.

The Committee welcomed this development and were pleased to see it being put into practice. Members recognised that the way people were living and working was changing rapidly and the application of this toolkit would go a long way to helping them achieve all that they could. The Chairman was keen to see Skype better utilised generally in council business and meetings, where this was practicable.

### **Noted**

#### **Implications of Brexit for Dorset County Council**

37 The Committee considered a report by the Service Director – Economy on the implications of Brexit for the County Council in terms of policy and funding challenges and opportunities which would occur as a result of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union. How Brexit was likely to affect the Council, and what arrangements were being put in place to address this was detailed in the report and expanded upon by the Service Director.

The Committee were provided with an understanding of what was being done by the Council in preparation for Brexit and what had been identified as areas of concern and interest. The risk to business interests; employment considerations; wage pressure; and financial pressure on health and care were seen to be of critical importance and it was considered that these should be addressed as a priority.

The way in which Brexit was likely to affect the fundamental practices of the United Kingdom was readily acknowledged and how the County Council was able to address those issues that directly affected it was of critical importance and not to be underestimated. To ensure that services continued to be delivered as efficiently and effectively as they could be for economic prosperity to be assured, proposals were being drawn up for how to best address this, so that the Brexit process and what it entailed was as successful as it could be.

Given that legislation and regulations, economy, trade, public services, employment, education and the environment would all be fundamentally affected by Brexit, skilful management of the process would be needed to ensure that the outcome was beneficial to the United Kingdom and in its best interests. The Committee recognised that those qualities applied to the County Council as well, which had an important part to play in ensuring that Dorset's best interests were met. The Committee were conscious that there were obviously limitations to what the County Council could influence but, where there was scope for this to be done, every effort should be made to ensure the Authority was in the best shape that it could be to be able to continue to bring success to Dorset.

Whilst some Councils and businesses elsewhere were awaiting greater certainty about how Brexit would materialise before committing resources to respond, it was considered that it would be in Dorset's best interests to be as proactive as it could be in readiness for the opportunities and challenges which lay ahead.

Given this, the Committee were now being asked to endorse the formation of a Brexit Advisory Group so that the County Council could be as adaptable, flexible and receptive as it might be. This Group was designed to act as a means of optimising the opportunities and addressing those challenges to be faced. The People and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 11 October 2017 had considered this to be the right approach and the Committee thought likewise. Having the means to facilitate and enable Dorset's businesses and residents in the choices they were able to make about Brexit would go a long way to Dorset remaining

successful, during and after this process.

The Committee recognised the considerable challenges which lay ahead, despite the uncertainty over the detail at this stage, and recognised that the County Council needed to be ready to be as adaptable and responsive as it could be to meet those challenges face on and to be able to benefit from the anticipated opportunities which would undoubtedly also arise.

Accordingly the Service Director - Economy was now being asked to develop the proposed scope and Terms of Reference for consideration by the Group at its first meeting; membership of which should comprise relevant members and officers.

### **Resolved**

That the scope, actions, and governance arrangements being proposed in preparation for Brexit be endorsed and the part the County Council could play in influencing the process and outcomes acknowledged.

### **Reason for Decision**

In supporting delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcome priorities, as expressed in the relevant policies, strategies, and plans.

## **Pre submission draft Mineral Sites and Waste Sites Plans**

38 The Committee considered a report by the Service Director – Economy to recommend that Cabinet agree to the publication, consultation and submission - to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government - of the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Mineral Sites Plan and Waste Plan, together with the necessary associated amendment of the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme milestones. This agreement would form part of the overall agreement necessary from all three constituent authorities. The plans had been progressed in accordance with the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme which set out key stages of plan preparation so that stakeholders were aware of when these were likely to occur.

In addition, the report sought Cabinet's endorsement of a key evidence document - Residual Waste Management in the South West - which provided evidence of engagement by between Waste Planning Authorities across the South West in accordance with the statutory duty to cooperate.

As part of the recommendation, agreement was also being sought for authority to be delegated to officers to be able to make modifications throughout the Plans' examination process so that it was able to be managed as effectively and practicably as possible.

With the aid of a visual presentation, the Committee were informed about the processes necessary for the development and delivery of both Plans and what these entailed, in that:-

- **The Waste Plan** would establish the vision, objectives and spatial strategy for the development of waste management facilities in Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole up until 2033, including specific sites.
- **The Mineral Sites Plan** would identify specific sites and areas for mineral development needed to deliver the adopted Minerals Strategy which was adopted in May 2014.

What waste management facilities were proposed and why these were necessary was explained in detail by officers, including where these were to be situated; what needs these would meet and how this would be done. Similarly, proposals for the extraction of minerals – aggregates, clays and building stone - was detailed for members understanding, including what the process entailed; the means by which it would be achieved; the need for the minerals; where the sites were; how and why they had been chosen; and why there was a need for a 'landbank' of minerals to be

maintained; and how the winning and working of minerals could be best managed.

Subject to the agreement of Cabinet and the relevant committees for Bournemouth and Poole, it was anticipated that consultation would begin during early December 2017 and last for a minimum of eight weeks. How the consultation would be conducted and the arrangements for this was explained by officers and detailed in their report.

The Committee heard from Mr Len Mann who expressed concern at the inclusion of a particular site, at Gallows Gore (PK-21) identified within the Minerals Plan for future extraction. He considered that this would adversely impact the visual amenity of the area, given that it was within the Dorset AONB, could adversely affect the quality of the water supply in the adjoining reservoirs and would undoubtedly be detrimental to the amenity of the properties in the vicinity of the proposed site.

Whilst he recognised the need for Purbeck Stone extraction, he considered that, in these circumstances, re-consideration should be given what adverse impact this would have on the local properties and potentially blighting the prospects of their future value, especially given that, in his view, what was able to be extracted was limited in scope. Accordingly he asked that consideration be given to the removal of PK-21 from the Draft Plan.

The Chairman thanked Mr Mann for his observations and ensured that these would be made known to the Cabinet.

Members were then provided with the an opportunity to ask questions of the officer's presentation, to which clarification was provided in respect of certain points raised. Officers clarified what relationship there was between these two plans and district local plans and what bearing these had on each other. Likewise, the means by which minerals were transported from source was raised and how this could be better managed with the improved use of rail infrastructure, where practicable. Members recognised the benefits of this, especially given the limitations of the highway network in the face of ever increasing transportation needs and hoped that this could be encouraged if at all possible.

The Committee acknowledged what both plans were designed to achieve: in meeting the mineral and waste needs within Dorset and in providing an equitable means of doing this. Having taken into account the officer's report and presentation, what they had heard at the meeting and having had an opportunity to assess the Plans before them and comment on these as they considered necessary, the Committee considered that a recommendation should be made to Cabinet on the basis of the proposals set out in the Service Director's report - and in taking into account the views raised at the meeting - so as to ensure that minerals and waste could be planned and managed in a deliverable and sustainable way for the long term.

### **Recommended**

That the Cabinet be asked to:

1. agree to the publication of the Waste Plan and Mineral Sites Plan, subject to any amendments arising from the three Authorities, as the most up-to-date expressions of policy on behalf of the Minerals and Waste Planning Authorities, to be followed by an eight week consultation, anticipated to begin in early December 2017;
2. note and acknowledge the comments made to the additional consultation on waste site options in Blandford and Purbeck (2017) and officer responses/recommendations (referred to in Appendix A of the Service Director's report);
3. agree that the published version of the plans can be submitted to the Secretary of State, alongside any representations that are received on the plans, following the consultation, to begin the examination process;
4. authorise officers to make minor amendments, factual updates and editorial changes to both plans prior to submission and during the examination;
5. delegate authority to the Service Director for Economy, after consultation with



the lead Cabinet Member for the Natural and Built Environment, to agree any main (non-minor) modifications arising during the plan's examination and to consult upon these in accordance with the Local Plan Regulations;

6. delegate authority to the Service Director for Economy, after consultation with the lead Cabinet Member for the Natural and Built Environment, to confirm the Local Development Scheme milestones to take account of any changes needed to reflect programming arrangements; and,

7. endorse the South West Technical Advisory Board's 'Residual Waste Management in the South West' as a useful evidence base that supports the duty to co-operate.

#### Reason for Recommendations

To progress the preparation of local plans in the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme; and,

To support the Corporate Plan focus of enabling economic growth, in particular:

- work together with our partners to plan for business growth and maximise funding and investment
- work in partnership to ensure the good management of our natural and historic environment promote waste reduction, increase recycling rates and manage residual waste effectively.

### **Outcomes Focused Monitoring Report - October 2017**

39 With the aid of a visual presentation, the Committee considered the Outcomes Focused Monitoring report for the Corporate Plan 2017-18 and how the four Corporate Outcomes were designed to be met. As with previous monitoring reports the report included objective and measurable population indicators to measure the progress being made towards outcomes so that these could be better understood, evaluated and influenced. Measures to evaluate how well a programme or service was doing was critical in the understanding of how successful it was.

The Performance Monitoring report now included performance measures designed to better analyse the County Council's own contribution towards the four outcomes, along with an analysis of relevant risks from the Corporate Risk Register. What the County Council did played a significant part in meeting those outcomes. The Committee were asked to scrutinise the evidence and commentaries provided and decide if it was comfortable with the trends being shown. It was important that performance monitoring not only demonstrated what was being done and how it was being done, but why it was being done. It was important to understand what part the County Council was able to play in influencing the outcomes and to what extent.

The Committee asked a series of questions about the report's detail and officers clarified the issues raised. Members were largely pleased to see what positive progress was being made, how this was being monitored and by what means issues were being addressed. For the County Council to be able to have an impact on the progress being made to achieve the desired outcomes there was a need to be doing the right things and this was recognised by members. This would, in turn contribute towards improvements in economic growth and enhanced prosperity.

The Committee was also pleased to be given the opportunity to evaluate if the right things were being measured so that the right outcomes could be delivered. Officers welcomed any views members had on this.

#### **Resolved**

That the content of the report and what it was designed to achieve be noted, with any further views being made known direct to officers for their consideration.

#### **Reason for Decision**

The 2017-18 Corporate Plan provided an overarching strategic framework for monitoring progress towards good outcomes for Dorset. The Overview and Scrutiny

committees provide corporate governance and performance monitoring arrangements so that progress against the corporate plan can be monitored effectively.

### **Work Programme**

- 40 The opportunity was taken to assess the Work Programme and decide what needed to be considered and scrutinised by Committee in the upcoming months. Members noted what was being proposed for consideration at their January 2018 meeting and would contact officers direct with any views of their own of what further topics they felt needed consideration.

### **Noted**

### **Questions**

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

### **Exempt Business**

#### **Resolved**

- 42 That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the business specified in minute 43 because it was likely that if members of the public were present there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighed the public interest in disclosing that information.

### **Finance Report**

- 43 The Committee considered a joint report by the Director for Environment and the Economy and the Chief Financial Officer on the proposed revenue budget savings within the Environment and Economy Directorate for 2018/19, in providing an initial list of proposed 'Forward Together' savings to be required, which was estimated to be around £1.5m.

Consideration was given to options to achieve the required level of savings and the means by which this might be done, with a summary of this included at Appendix 1 of the report. Members were able to explore the options in more detail in discussion with the Service Directors.

The Committee recognised that whilst significant savings needed to be made, there was a disparity between the level of funding available and that which was necessary to be able to fulfil the delivery of services. Members were conscious that, wherever practicable, standards of service delivery should be maintained and that, in order for this to be achieved, thought should be given as to how additional funding might be able to be generated. Officers confirmed that every effort was being made to optimise how income generation could be enhanced. This was already significantly contributing towards how services were able to be maintained and the Committee were assured that efforts would be maintained for this to be enhanced wherever practicable.

Suggestions were made about the working practices and technologies the Directorate might embrace to ensure that these were as efficient as they could be.

The Committee considered that, in their view, the critical issue of inadequate funding provision from Central Government needed to be addressed as a matter of urgency, as this remained wholly insufficient to be able to satisfactorily deliver the services Dorset residents' required. Whilst it was understood that a new funding formula was currently being developed to address a more equitable funding allocation, the Committee maintained that Dorset MP's had a responsibility to ensure that Dorset had sufficient funding to fulfil all its obligations and that they should be asked to play their part in securing this. The suggestion was made that an invitation should be extended to all Dorset MP's to attend a future meeting to discuss this issue at first

hand with members.

**Resolved**

1. That the initial list of proposed savings for the Environment and Economy Directorate for 2018/19 be acknowledged and noted.
2. That the savings and income generation ideas raised at the meeting be taken into account in the development of the 2018/19 Environment and Economy budget;
3. That the risks associated with the achievement of savings and the impact on service delivery be understood.
4. That consideration be given to inviting Dorset's MP's to a future meeting to discuss at first hand funding issues with members.

**Reason for Decisions**

To enable work to continue on refining and managing the County Council's Budget Plan for 2018/19 and the overall three year MTFP period.

Meeting Duration: 10.00 am - 1.00 pm