



Cabinet

Date: Tuesday, 3 November 2020
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: MS Teams Live Event

Membership: (Quorum 3)

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4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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To receive questions or statements on the business of the committee from town and parish councils and members of the public. Public speaking has been suspended for virtual committee meetings during the Covid-19 crisis and public participation will be dealt with through written submissions only.

Members of the public who live, work or represent an organisation within the Dorset Council area, may submit up to two questions or a statement of up to a maximum of 450 words. All submissions must be sent electronically to kate.critchell@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk by the deadline set out below. When submitting a question please indicate who the question is for and include your name, address and contact details. Questions and statements received in line with the council's rules for public participation will be published as a supplement to the agenda.

Questions will be read out by an officer of the council and a response given by the appropriate Portfolio Holder or officer at the meeting. All questions, statements and responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting.

The deadline for submission of the full text of a question or statement is 8.30am on 29 October 2020.

6 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

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To receive any questions from members in accordance with procedure rule 13.

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Public Questions and Statements

1. Question from John Calvert

The financial management report for Quarter 2 has a section on Forecast overspend on Place.

It states that most is due to a shortfall on income from car parks, commercial assets etc.

As a resident of Dorchester for 10 years now the Market on the Fairfield site has been a delight. It has coped with the Virus and the coaches were back last week. It is important to Dorchester.

Can the Cabinet please avoid a knee jerk reaction such as seems imminent on car parking income, and look at ways to develop/support the market now. Serious thinking needs to start now so that the situation does not drift through.

2. Question from Alistair Chisholm, Town Councillor (Dorchester Town Council)

"At a time when the natural and man-made heritage of the county is likely to play an even greater role Dorset's future economic prosperity, how will a massive development, such as that proposed north of Dorchester, assist in promoting the Dorset "brand" whether that be as an essentially rural county with a World Heritage designated coastline and/or Thomas Hardy Country?"

3. Question from Ken Huggins, Parish Councillor (Hazelbury Bryan Parish Council)

Question regarding the Public Consultation on the draft Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy & Action Plan

A period of only 6 weeks has been set for the Public Consultation on the Council's draft Strategy and Action Plan to address the Climate and Ecological Emergency.

The Climate and Ecological Emergency is THE most pressing and defining issue of our era, with potentially catastrophic consequences for every single one of us unless urgent action is taken NOW to avoid it. The effectiveness of any actions taken will depend to a significant extent upon the understanding and cooperation of the general public. It is therefore vital that as many members of the public as possible are encouraged to engage with the Council's Public Consultation on its draft Strategy and Action Plan.

Given the relatively short period allowed for the Consultation, how does the Council intend to publicise the Consultation, and will it include an information document sent to every residential property with individual copies for every member of each household?

4. Question from Caz Dennett

The C&EE Action Plan consultation period is set for 6 weeks. The local government association website suggests 12 weeks is best practice for consultations on substantial issues. (<https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/guidance-and-resources/comms-hub-communications-support/resident-communications-4>).

1. Will Dorset Council please extend the consultation period to e.g. 8-10 weeks in order for people to really have a considered say in what is the most important issue of our lifetime, if not our human history, and to enable more people to engage, especially in structured community-based / Town Council supported consultation events such as People's Assemblies?

2. What reasons would justify this request being declined, given Dorset Council say they would like a high volume of responses?

5. Question from Penny Quilter

Thank you for providing an update on the future of the former Council Building at North Quay to #WeymouthTogether network of community organisations.

We are working on a project charter for Dorset Councils consideration and would like to have a look at the building.

1. How do we get access to the building to assess its suitability for short term use by the community?
2. What is the total current monthly cost of maintaining these premises and what is the breakdown of the costs?

6. Question from Tricia Mitchell

All the indications point to there being a proposal in the Local Plan for a huge housing development beyond the water meadows of the river Frome immediately north of Dorchester.

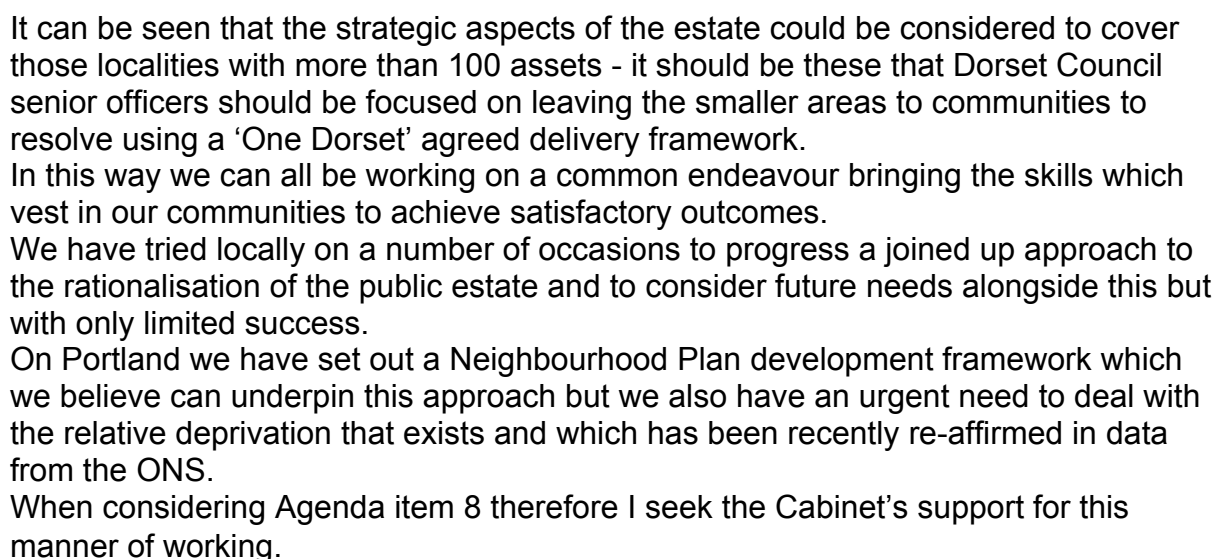
If this development goes ahead:

- a. How will Dorset Council ensure that 30% of the 4,000+ houses proposed for this site will be affordable?
- b. how will the Council ensure that these properties remain affordable in perpetuity?

7. Statement from Andy Matthews

The following request refers to Portland specifically but is intended to propose a general approach.

The key evidence for me on progressing this is shown in Appendix 2 the profile of the Asset Base replicated below for ease of reference.



8. Statement from the Board of Portland Community Land Trust

Portland Community Land Trust (PCLT) is a community benefit society which has as its objectives to deliver regeneration on Portland and in particular address the issue of Local Housing for Local People.

We receive support from officers at Dorset Council and Wessex Community Assets. The trust has a number of projects on Portland which it wishes to progress as a priority within these is derelict property at the High St on Portland (pictures below) which is currently owned by Dorset Council.



This property has been in this condition for many years and the CLT has been trying to progress its demolition and development for a number of years for which we have received community support.

The CLT also has a number of potential projects which may interwork with this site improving viability.

Notwithstanding approval for the Property and Asset Management Plan by Cabinet can we seek your support for an early determination of this site so the CLT can move forward appropriately?

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Councillor Questions

1. Question from Cllr Jon Orrell

Would the cabinet agree to a new management policy for all the county farms to ban hunting of wild animals with dogs (including trail hunts that can then use a loophole and legally kill live wild animals)?

2. Question from Cllr Jon Orrell

On Coronavirus' councils in tier three are granted resources to implement local door to door trace and follow up/support. Some northern councils acted independently without waiting for central permission to enact basic local public health steps on the ground. Do we have to wait for cases to rise in Dorset to stage 3 before taking joined up public health action on the streets, or might we act alone, or lobby the government for permission and support to act now, to save lives?

3. Question from Cllr Matt Hall

In light of the recent conversations between Dorset Police and Dorset Council over the future of South Walks House could the Portfolio Holder explain the democratic and scrutiny process any sale of Council property would go through?

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