



Council

Date: Tuesday, 14 December 2021
Time: 6.30 pm
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Membership: (Quorum 21)

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5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

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A period of 30 minutes is allocated to receive and respond to questions and statements on the business of the Council in the following order:

- (a) Questions and statements from Town and Parish Councils;
- (b) Questions and statements from those living or working in the Dorset Council area;

A person or organisation can ask either 2 questions, or 2 statements or 1 question and 1 statement at each meeting.

****Important**The full text of the question or statement must be received by 8.30am on Thursday 9 December 2021 and each question or statement is limited to 450 words.**

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic public speaking has been suspended, however questions and statements will be published on the website and the Chairman of Council will decide whether a question or statement is to be read out aloud in whole, in part or not at all in the meeting. The Chairman will invite the relevant member to respond to the questions and statements at the meeting.

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**Full Council
14 December 2021**

Questions and Statements submitted for the Public Participation Period

Question 1 – submitted by Tess James, Co-Chair, Dorchester Opportunity Group

What are the costs of school tribunals for children with additional needs and how many are successful?

Question 2 – submitted by Helen Sumbler

Further to the submission of the Bus Service Improvement Plan in October, have Dorset Council received any response from Government, and if not, when does the council expect to whether the bid for funds from the Bus Back Better fund has been successful?

Question 3 – submitted by Helen Sumbler

Will Dorset Council consider consulting with residents about additional sources of income such as setting up a new charitable trust (or partnering with a registered charity) to take donations from council taxpayers and others should they wish to contribute more to their council tax bill, and / or setting up a local lottery? Such additional income sources could then be used to assist with funding the extraordinary demands for funding from the implementation of Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy and plans, either directly or indirectly.

Statement – submitted by Sandra Reeve Dorset Climate Acton Network

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Ray Bryan and all those involved for the excellent letter which was sent on November 5th, 2021 during COP26 to key members of central government calling for further help in tackling the [Climate and Ecological Emergency](#)

- We wholeheartedly support the intention to invest in a new environmentally sound infrastructure that will help prevent and address the worst consequences of man-made climate change.
- We agree that there is a need for improvements to national standards, legislation and procedures so that local councils can be provided with new powers, responsibilities and funding to deliver an inclusive and green recovery. We feel that such new powers should include town and parish councils as well, as we all strive for zero emissions in Dorset as quickly as possible.
- **We were glad to see outlined the specific requests for:**
 1. removing hurdles for renewable energy deployment

2. increased enforceable standards for building insulation and energy efficiency and increased powers to refuse planning permission for developments that negatively impact on our environment
 3. more investment in sustainable public transport infrastructure and active travel
 4. stronger support for digital infrastructure and flexible working
- We agree that with the appropriate support Dorset has the skills to build prosperity around a sustainable green-led economy
 - We recognise, alongside Dorset Council, that we need to engage with the public to encourage behavioural changes as we move towards net zero emissions and, as part of this we need to address the public perception that putting environmental and ecological benefits ahead of all else means an unacceptable level of sacrifice and compromise.

As well as thanking Dorset Council, DorsetCAN, with all its levels of expertise and its passion would like to respond by saying:

- we are ready at any stage to be part of the **Dorset Climate Partnership Forum** proposed by Dorset Council and to co-create a public engagement programme with you to promote and sustain the **Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy**.
- As part of that **Partnership Forum** we are willing to co-create an educational outreach programme to support the steady growth of climate change awareness, community resilience and the capacity to adapt to the changes that will occur in Dorset.

Finally, DorsetCAN would like to wish Dorset Council a Happy Christmas with your friends and family and a Peaceful New Year and to say thank you once again for all that you are doing on behalf of the county that we all love to call our home.