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DECISIONS OF THE CABINET 5 OCTOBER 2021

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on 5 October 2021 and will come into force and may be implemented on 15 October 2021 unless the decision is called in for scrutiny.

In accordance with the council's constitution, any six members of the same relevant Scrutiny Committee may request the Monitoring Officer to 'call-in' a decision for scrutiny. The Monitoring Officer will be provided with written notice that will identify the decision to be called-in and the ground for the call-in when the request is made. If satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the proposed call-in, the Monitoring Officer will notify the decision-maker of the call-in within 5 clear working days. The deadline for this request is **14 October 2021.**

The full call-in procedure is set out in the Constitution or for further information and advice please telephone Kate Critchel on 01305 252234

5 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (MTFP) AND BUDGET STRATEGY

Cabinet members:

- (a) Noted the updated cost pressures set out in the paper and the validation work that had been carried out on them
- (b) Agreed the assumptions being used in the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP);
- (c) Noted the financial gap arising from (i) and (ii) above;
- (d) Agreed the 2022/23 draft principles for budget setting;
- (e) Noted the approach to closing the budget gap that was set out in the paper, recognising that this was work in progress;
- (f) Agreed that Portfolio Holders work with officers to continue to identify and develop savings opportunities;
- (g) Noted the emerging national context set out in this paper;
- (h) Endorsed the next steps and timetable leading up to the 2022/23 budget being presented to full Council on 15 February 2022.

Reason to note and receive the report

This paper was presented to Cabinet to provide an update on the budget gap for 2022/23 and the subsequent years of the MTFP and to update on progress on action/savings to date.

6 LGA FINANCE PEER CHALLENGE REPORT AND ACTION PLAN

Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy

That the action plan, in response to the recommendations set out in the corporate peer challenge report, be approved.

[Executive Decision - LGA Finance Peer Review - Report and Action Plan - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for the Decision

To ensure that the council acts on the corporate peer team's recommendations.

8 DORSET SKILLS COMMISSION

Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skill and Early Help

- (a) That a Dorset Skills Commission be created between November 2021 and September 2022

- (b) For this Commission to facilitate the skills delivery needed for an effective and at-pace response to a jobs-led approach to COVID-19 economic recovery across Dorset
- (c) That the Commission undertakes a review into the Dorset skills landscape – with a particular consideration of the National Skills White Paper, producing a report that lays out a potential skills journey and opportunities/needs based on 10-, 20- and 30-years trajectories
- (d) That the Commission works closely with the Dorset Skills Board and Panel to support immediate implementation of the wider skills priorities within the agreed Dorset Skills Plan and Dorset Investment Prospectus.
- (e) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder(s) for Children, Education, Skills, and Early Help and Economic Growth, Assets and Property, to agree with BCP Council and the Dorset LEP the governance structure and membership of the Board for inclusion in the Terms of Reference.

[Executive Decision - Dorset Skills Commission - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for Decision

Delivering sustainable economic growth, increasing productivity and the number of high-quality jobs in Dorset, creating great places to live, work and visit” is one of the five Corporate priorities in the Dorset Council Plan. People and Skills is one of the six foundations of the Dorset Council Economic Growth Strategy.

The establishment of a dedicated Commission will oversee an effective and at pace response to a jobs-led approach to COVID-19 economic recovery. It would also provide an objective and independent review of the future Dorset Skills landscape, helping to shape a world-class skills and learning infrastructure for all communities

13 WEYMOUTH QUAY REGENERATION PROJECT PAYMENTS OVER £500,000

Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment

- (a) That payments in excess of £500k be paid by Dorset Council in relation to the delivery of the Weymouth Quay Regeneration Project.
- (b) That the agreement to make such payments be delegated to the Executive Director for Place to approve, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment and the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Property.

[Executive Decision - Weymouth Quay Regeneration Project payments over £500,000 - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for the decision

There is potential for a number of transactions in the coming months to be in excess of the £500k threshold, and by agreeing to the recommendation disbursements of grant funds can be made as required and without delay. In agreeing payments under the delegation, the Executive Director will ensure that the funds are released only in accordance with CCF and MHCLG grant conditions, thereby minimising risk to DC as accountable body.

14 TRICURO OPTIONS PAPER**Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health**

That the recommendations 1 to 3, set out in the exempt report to Cabinet of 5 October 2021, be approved.

[Executive Decision - Tricuro - Dorset Council](#)