

Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 31 July 2018

Agenda item 6 – Shadow Dorset Council Programme

Key Lines of Enquiry – Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1. How will you ensure that the new Vision and Culture for the council, as set out in the submission to the Secretary of State, will be achieved?
2. What is being done to ensure that proactive communication, consultation and engagement is in place with key stakeholders (Public, Partners, Voluntary/3rd Sector and staff)?
3. What is the process to identify and assess risk and how are these monitored and, where necessary, escalated to support informed decision making? For example, what is the mechanism for ensuring business continuity?
4. What is the mechanism for ensuring consistency in the transfer of assets and liabilities?
5. How long did Cornwall and Wiltshire have to prepare and what are we doing to liaise with them to understand and capture the key risks and lessons learned from their own experiences?
6. We gather that a peer review of the programme between now and vesting day is being commissioned. Could you tell us more?
7. In your view what are the key milestones that have to be met if the vesting day target is to be met and what therefore are the key dates. What ability do we have to say that “we are not ready” and request a postponement? What are the top priorities before the end of September?
8. What is the experience to date with Task and Finish groups? Will some be rebooted, in particular the local decision making one
9. What was the process for the recruitment of the Interim posts? On reflection was this the right process and how would this influence the process for the recruitment of permanent positions in the new council?
10. Most meetings of the Shadow Executive are held in public, but some are not, why is this?