Appendix 3

People and Health Overview Committee

Extract of minutes of meeting held on Thursday 2 September 2021

62. Updated Dorset Council Plan

The Committee considered a report which included the updated Council plan which reflected on the learning and changes as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic prior to it being presented to Cabinet on 5 October 2021.

Officers advised that there had been an informal meeting held at the end of July in order for members to look at priorities and for an opportunity to contribute to the Plan.

Areas of discussion/questions

An important part will be the synopsis of the Plan which is quite lengthy. Needs to be something easy for members of the public to read. A key point document would be prepared.

While some of the issues that the Council faced were included it was felt it did not address all the points. The Plan included comments and input from all directorates but officers were happy to look at any activity that was not currently reflected

Biggest issues facing Dorset Council was demographics.

Revisit wording in respect of ASB and crime

Skills to wage ratios highlighted

Prevention of scale not adequately reflected

Highlighted the need to keep our youth in the county to help support our older people.

Extract of draft notes of informal meeting of the Place and Resources Overview Committee – 17 September 2021

Updated Dorset Council Plan

The committee considered a report which set out proposed changes to the Dorset Council Plan to reflect learning and changes as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic. An informal session of members of the council's two overview committees had been held and a draft updated plan produced following the discussions held.

The Place and Resources Overview Committee was invited to review the updated document and provide any further comments or suggestions before consideration at Cabinet on 5 October 2021.

Councillors considered the draft updated document and comments were made in the following areas:

 The importance of and links to the council's climate strategy and action plan had been recognised in the draft plan

- The name of the draft plan the committee's suggestion to Cabinet was that the plan should either remain as the Dorset Council Plan or change to the Dorset Council Corporate Plan
- There should be recognition of the status of the council in terms of area covered and population size
- How the plan would be reviewed in future and that it should be seen as a working document
- A suggestion was made that wording around the impact of retirement issues should be re-examined
- It was confirmed that infographics would be updated with latest data where available
- A suggestion was made that wording around high quality housing including affordable housing should be re-examined
- It was recognised that some additional detail requested would be available elsewhere and could be cross referenced to in the plan where appropriate
- How outcomes from the plan would be measured and links to the council's performance management framework
- It was agreed to remove the names of particular areas of deprivation from the plan and instead provide a link to where the information was available.

The Chairman noted that the comments made at the meeting had been captured by officers to feed into the discussion to be held at Cabinet.

The Executive Director of Corporate Development confirmed that the points raised would be taken forward to Cabinet.