

# Dorset County Council

Minutes of a meeting held at County Hall,  
Colliton Park, Dorchester on 16 May 2013.

## **Present:**

John Wilson (Chairman)  
Andrew Cattaway (Vice-Chairman)

Pauline Batstone, Michael Bevan, Richard Biggs, Dan Brember, Steve Butler, Mike Byatt, Andy Canning, Ronald Coatsworth, Toni Coombs, Barrie Cooper, Hilary Cox, Deborah Croney, Lesley Dedman, Janet Dover, Fred Drane, Beryl Ezzard, Peter Finney, Spencer Flower, Ian Gardner, Robert Gould, Peter Hall, David Harris, Jill Haynes, Colin Jamieson, Susan Jefferies, Mervyn Jeffery, David Jones, Trevor Jones, Ros Kayes, Paul Kimber, Rebecca Knox, Mike Lovell, David Mannings, Margaret Phipps, Peter Richardson, Ian Smith, Mark Tewkesbury, William Trite, Daryl Turner, David Walsh and Peter Wharf.

## Officers attending:

Debbie Ward (Chief Executive), Miles Butler (Director for Environment), Catherine Driscoll (Director for Adult and Community Services), Jackie Last (Acting Director for Children's Services), Paul Kent (Director for Corporate Resources), Jonathan Mair (Head of Legal and Democratic Services), Lee Gallagher (Democratic Services Manager), Helen Whitby (Principal Democratic Services Officer) and Paul Goodchild (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

## **Chairman**

24. Spencer Flower proposed and Janet Dover seconded and it was

### Resolved (unanimously)

25. That John Wilson be elected Chairman for the year 2013/14.

## **Vice-Chairman**

26. David Jones proposed and Peter Finney seconded and it was

### Resolved (unanimously)

27. That Andrew Cattaway be appointed Vice-Chairman for the year 2013/14.

## **Apologies for Absence**

28. Apologies for absence were received from Robin Cook and Kate Wheller.

## **Code of Conduct**

29. No declarations were received by members of any disclosable pecuniary interests under the Code of Conduct.

## **Former Members of the County Council**

30.1 The Chief Executive reported the deaths of:-

(a) Peter Farrell on 1 April 2013, who served on the County Council between May 2001 and May 2009, representing the Weymouth Town Electoral Division.

(b) William Wells on 29 April 2013, who served on the County Council from 1977 to 1989, representing the Wimborne and Cranborne Electoral Division from 1977 to 1985 and the Verwood Electoral Division from 1985 to 1989.

30.2 Members paid tribute to the dedication and commitment of both former members to Dorset and within their divisions and the County Council stood in silent tribute. .

### **Election Return**

31. The Chief Executive submitted a return of those elected on 2 May 2013 as County Councillors.

### **Noted**

### **Minutes**

32. The minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2013 were confirmed and signed subject to the wording "15 December 2012" be replaced by "15 November 2012" at minute 10 regarding the date of a meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

### **Business Brought Forward by the Chairman**

33. The Chairman reported the following events since the last meeting:-

- (i) Youth Parliament Elections (14/02/13)  
The Chairman reported that Lloyd Hatton, Moya Dunne and James Jones had been elected Members of the Youth Parliament, and James Morphakis, Natasha Glendening and Eve Laird had been elected as Deputy Members.
- (ii) High Sheriff Declaration Ceremony  
The Chairman had attended the swearing in of Mrs Catriona Payne JP as the new High Sheriff and replacing Mr Jeremy Pope the previous High Sheriff.
- (iii) Hall and Woodhouse Community Chest  
The Chairman had attended the launch of Hall and Woodhouse's 2013 Community Chest which supported a number of local causes.
- (iv) Dorset School Games (22/3/13)  
School games were held twice a year and the Chairman had attended the Games held in March at Canford School, Wimborne.
- (v) Movie Mash-Up at the Royal Albert Hall  
The Chairman reported on the concert held at the Royal Albert Hall on 3 May 2013. This involved renditions of many film scores and involved 1500 young musicians from across Dorset.
- (vi) New People  
The Chairman welcomed Catherine Driscoll, Director for Adult and Community Services and Dr David Phillips, Director of Public Health, to their first meetings of the Council. He welcomed Paul Kent to his first meeting as Director for Corporate Resources and thanked Harry Capron for his work as Acting Director for Adult and Community Services whilst the recruitment process for the new Director was undertaken. He also welcomed new members of the County Council and paid tribute to the previous Leader of the Council, Angus Campbell.

### **Public Question Time**

34. There were no questions from members of the public.

**Leader of the Council and the Cabinet**

35.1 Member were invited to appoint the Leader of the Council for a four year period from 2013 to 2017. On being put to the vote Spencer Flower was duly elected as Leader of the Council.

35.2 The County Council Member for Dorchester (Trevor Jones) welcomed Spencer Flower as the new Leader of the Council and paid tribute to the work of the previous Leader, Angus Campbell. As Chairman of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee, he hoped to provide a constructive and appropriate challenge to Mr Flower and members of the Cabinet.

**Resolved**

36.1 That Spencer Flower be appointed Leader of the Council for the period up until the annual meeting of the County Council in 2017, or until the Cabinet resolved to the contrary.

36.2 That the following appointments made by the Leader be noted:-

- (i) Robert Gould as Deputy Leader.
- (ii) Members of the Cabinet with portfolio areas of responsibility:

Robert Gould - Deputy Leader of the Council and Corporate Resources portfolio

Hilary Cox - Environment

Jill Haynes - Adult Social Care

Toni Coombs - Education and Communications

Rebecca Knox - Children's Safeguarding and Families

Peter Finney - Public Health and Communities

(Note - The Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council are, ex-officio, Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Cabinet.)

**Delegated Executive Functions**

37.1 The Council considered a report by the Monitoring Officer on the existing scheme of delegation of executive functions to officers.

37.2 The Leader stated that there had been no changes to the current scheme of delegation but that a substantial review would be carried out by the Monitoring Officer. This outcome would be reported to a future meeting of the Council.

37.3 The County Council Member for Colehill and Stapehill referred to powers delegated to the Director for Environment, after consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member, in relation to the withdrawal of subsidy from low priority bus services if District Councils were unable to provide the necessary additional financial support to continue to run such services. She drew attention to the implications such a decision could have on members of the public and that this could be done without any reference to local members. The Leader confirmed that no single member made such decisions, that a period of consultation would have been undertaken prior to a report being provided for the Cabinet to consider which would provide local members an opportunity to attend.

37.4 The County Council Member for Portland Tophill drew attention to the lack of public transport to the Grove area of Portland. The Leader explained that all aspects of transport were to be reviewed.

37.5 The County Council Member for Bridport was concerned about the withdrawal of low priority bus services and suggested the removal of this delegation from the scheme. She expressed the need for such decisions to be fair, evidence based and transparent to members and the public. The Chairman clarified that before a delegation was exercised, the local member should be consulted and the matter referred to the Cabinet if appropriate.

37.6 The County Council Member for Blandford highlighted the importance of the local member role and the need for them to be consulted about activities in their own areas.

### **Resolved**

38. That the statement of the former Leader of the Council be noted.

### **Reports of the Cabinet**

39.1 The reports of the Cabinet meetings held on 6 March and 3 April 2013 were presented and their adoption duly moved and seconded.

39.2 The following matters were raised under the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2013:-

#### **Corporate Performance Monitoring Report, third Quarter 2012-13 and Draft 2013-14 Refresh of the Budget and Corporate Plan**

39.3 On minute 147.5 the County Council Member for Corfe Mullen drew attention to the number of complaints she had received from members of the public about the poor state of roads and sought reassurance that there would be a programme for the repair of potholes. The Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities, as the former Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation, confirmed that there was an extensive programme to repair potholes. The number of potholes had tripled due to adverse weather conditions and the Government had provided an additional sum of £3M in recognition of the current situation.

39.4 The County Council Member for Lytchett referred to the different categories of pothole and asked that when workmen were sent to repair them, that they dealt with all potholes in the area rather than having to return at a later date to carry out further repairs. The Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities referred to recent member briefings which had provided information about pothole classification and timescales for repair. This information was available on the Dorsetforyou website.

#### **Reprovision of Children's Residential Accommodation**

39.5 On minute 168.2 the County Council Member for Weymouth Town asked for more information about the Children's Services overspend of £2.2M. The Cabinet Member for Education and Communications explained that this related to increased numbers of children entering care and the related increase in costs. The situation was under constant review.

39.6 The following matters were raised under the minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2013:-

39.7 It was confirmed that no additional amendments to the Budget and Corporate Plan had been made by the Chief Executive, after consultation with the previous Leader.

Budget and Corporate Plan: Draft Refresh 2013-14

39.8 The County Council Member for Weymouth Town drew attention to page 21 of the minutes and the challenge headed “Economy”. He indicated that this presented the bare facts of a negative base, did not include how economic development and growth could be achieved, what support was provided, and how innovation was encouraged. The Leader accepted this and referred to the forthcoming peer review which would address the growth agenda and influence future actions by the County Council.

39.9 The County Council Member for Portland Tophill referred to the need for more apprenticeships to be given to young people in order to provide them with a future. The Cabinet Member for Education and Communications added that the Raising Participation Board wanted to increase the number of young people going into jobs with training in order to improve their futures.

39.10 The County Council Member for Westham referred to the Headline Facts set out on page 24 of the minutes and the fact that people living in urban areas could also experience a poor public transport network. He suggested that the second bullet point on page 35, Aim 1 should be amended to read “... sports, opportunities for physical activities and adult ...” and he sought the Cabinet’s agreement to these changes. The Leader reminded members that this was the last year for the current Corporate Plan and a review of it would be undertaken over the next few months. These comments would be considered during this review.

39.11 The County Council Member for Dorchester (Trevor Jones) reminded members of the previous need for a reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured in Dorset which had led to the introduction of the “No Excuse” campaign. Performance in this area had improved but local authority funding cuts had impacted on the campaign. The Audit Committee had raised the issue of why the NHS did not contribute funding to it when, as a result of the campaign, there were fewer attendances at A and E Departments and fewer calls on the Ambulance Service. He suggested further approaches to the NHS for funding of the campaign. The Leader agreed that a request could be made but was unsure that it would be successful. The Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities added that the Dorset Road Safe Partnership continued to seek funding from the NHS. He agreed with the sentiments expressed, highlighted the success of the No Excuse campaign and the need for funding current to be reviewed. The County Council Member for Dorchester requested that an item on the campaign be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee and that the Director of Public Health and the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities attend.

39.12 The County Council Member for Westham drew attention to the transfer of Public Health to the responsibility of the local authority from 1 April 2013 and highlighted the need for an integrated approach as health impacted on all parts of the County Council’s work. The Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities confirmed that an integrated approach was to be adopted.

39.13 The County Council Member for Burton Grange referred to the climate change concept and suggested that spending on this be reviewed as questions were being asked about its validity.

Growing Places Fund

39.14 On minute 221 the County Council Member for Weymouth Town asked how much of the £9.6M Growing Places Fund had been spent in Dorset and sought assurance that every effort was being made to ensure that Dorset received its share. The Leader agreed to provide this information following the meeting.

Queen Elizabeth's School, Wimborne, Position Statement

39.15 On minute 249 the County Council Member for Dorchester (Richard Biggs) asked for information about the original tender estimate of the building project, the final not to be exceeded figure and requested that if this was exceeded the matter be considered by the County Council rather than the Cabinet. The Leader asked that officers send a statement to all members following the meeting.

**Resolved**

40. That the reports of the Cabinet, and the recommendation set out below, be adopted:

*Budget and Corporate Plan: Draft Refresh 2013-14*

*190. That the refresh of the Plan set out in Appendix 1 to the Chief Executive's report, and any final amendments, be approved.*

**Appointments**

41.1 The Council considered a report by the Chief Executive on the appointments to committees of the County Council, Joint Committees, the Dorset Fire Authority and Member Champions for 2013/14.

41.2 Attention was drawn to the fact that under the County Council's constitution members of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee were unable to sit on Overview Committees. Group Leaders stated that they had acted on advice provided by Democratic Services and would submit further nominations in due course.

(Note: It was subsequently clarified that the position in relation to Audit and Scrutiny Committee members sitting on Overview Committees had been relaxed in 2005 to allow this to take place.)

**Resolved**

42.1 That seats on committees of the County Council be allocated to political groups, as set out in paragraph 2.6 of the report, for the year 2013/14.

42.2 That members of political groups be appointed to serve on committees of the County Council for the year 2013/14, as set out in Annexure 1 to these minutes, to reflect the nominations of Group Leaders.

42.3 That County Council seats on joint committees be allocated to political groups for the year 2013/14, as set out in paragraph 4.9 of the report.

42.4 That the structure of the Dorset Health and Well-being Board as detailed at Appendix 2, be approved.

42.5 That members be appointed to serve on joint committees for the year 2013/14, as set out in Annexure 1 to these minutes, which reflects the Group Leaders' nominations.

42.6 That the Leader be asked to confirm appointments to the Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee, Public Health Joint Committee and the Dorset Health and Well-being Board.

42.7 That seats on the Dorset Fire Authority be allocated to political groups for the year 2013/14, as set out in paragraph 5.4 of the report.

42.8 That members be appointed to serve on the Dorset Fire Authority for the year 2013/14, as set out in Annexure 1 to these minutes, which reflects the Group Leaders' nominations.

42.9 That members be appointed as Member Champions for the year 2013/2014, as set out in the Annexure to these minutes, which reflects the Group Leaders' nominations.

42.10 That members be appointed to other organisations up to the quadrennial elections in 2017, as set out in Annexure 1 to these minutes.

(Note: Following the meeting it was subsequently clarified that Barrie Cooper would serve on the Children's Services Overview Committee in place of David Harris, and that David Harris would serve on the Personnel Appeals Committee in place of Barrie Cooper.)

#### **Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees 2013/14**

43.1 The Council considered a report by the Chief Executive on the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees for the year 2013/14.

43.2 On considering the appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Personnel Appeals Committee, the Liberal Democrat Group Leader proposed that Barrie Cooper be appointed. On being put to the vote the proposal was lost.

#### **Resolved**

44. That the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees for the year 2013/14 be appointed as follows:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice-Chairman</u>
Ad Hoc Accounts	Spencer Flower	Robert Gould
Audit and Scrutiny	Trevor Jones	Mike Byatt
Children's and Adult Services Appeals	Robin Cook	Ros Kayes
Adult and Community Services Overview	William Trite	David Walsh
Children's Services Overview	Mike Bevan	Pauline Batstone
Environment Overview	Robin Cook	Margaret Phipps
Licensing and Registration	Daryl Turner	Pauline Batstone
Personnel Appeals	Peter Richardson	Deborah Croney
Planning	Mike Lovell	Peter Hall
Roads and Rights of Way	David Jones	Daryl Turner
Staffing	Spencer Flower	Robert Gould

#### **Reports of Overview Committees**

45.1 The reports of the following meetings held on the dates stated were presented:-

Adult and Community Services	18 March 2013
Children's Services	19 March 2013
Environment	28 March 2013

45.2 The following matters were raised under the minutes of the meeting of the Adult and Community Services Overview Committee held on 18 March 2013:-

#### **Draft Housing and Support Strategy 2013-18**

45.3 On minute 48.3 the County Council Member for Bridport asked how the £1.9M savings had been achieved and whether services had been affected. The Chief Executive explained that the savings had been achieved through the Meeting Future Challenges Programme some two years ago. The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care stated that this was a complicated matter and asked that a briefing note be provided for members outside of the meeting.

45.4 The County Council Member for Portland Tophill stated that the Housing and Support Strategy was of general concern across all political parties and he hoped that progress would be made. The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care confirmed that progress was already being made.

**Resolved**

46. That the reports be received and the recommendation set out below be adopted:-

*Dorset County Council Approved Premises Scheme for the Grant of Approval of Premises as Venues for Civil Marriage and Civil Partnership*

53. That the County Council be asked to make the following changes to the constitution of the County Council (as set out in Appendix 1 of the Acting Director's report), subject to the views of the Standards and Governance Committee:

- (i) an amendment of the terms of reference for the Cabinet
- (ii) an amendment of the terms of reference for the Licensing and Registration Committee
- (iii) an amendment of the terms of reference for the Adult and Community Services Overview Committee
- (iv) an amendment of the Scheme of Delegation of the powers delegated to the Head of Community Services.

**Reports of Scrutiny Committees**

47.1 The reports of the following meetings held on the dates stated were presented:-

Audit and Scrutiny	18 February 2013
Audit and Scrutiny	21 March 2013
Audit and Scrutiny	16 April 2013
Dorset Health Scrutiny	11 March 2013

47.2 The following matter was raised under the minutes of the meeting of the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee held on 11 March 2013:-

Care Quality Commission Visits and Reports concerning Minterne Ward, Forston Clinic

47.3 On minute 5.4 The County Council Member for Bridport referred to the closure of inpatient beds at the Hughes Unit in Bridport and asked for clarification on the number of beds on the Minterne Ward. She believed there were only three beds available for female patients which she considered to be inadequate. The Chairman of the Committee confirmed that accommodation for male and female patients was separated but was unsure as to whether this was sufficient. This matter would be considered at the next meeting of the Committee and he suggested that this be raised at that time. With regard to the invitation members had received to attend the Minterne Ward open day, this had taken place prior to the ward being re-opened.

**Resolved**

48. That the reports be received and the recommendation set out below be adopted:-

*Overview Arrangements for the Supporting People Programme*

16. The County Council be recommended, subject to consideration by the Standards and Governance Committee, to remove the Supporting People Programme from the Terms of reference of Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee and



*that this responsibility be transferred to the Terms of Reference of the Adult and Community Services Overview Committee.*

#### **Reports of Quasi/Legal Committees**

49. The reports of the following meetings held on the dates stated were presented:-

Planning	15 February 2013
Planning	22 March 2013
Planning	26 April 2013
Roads and Rights of Way	7 March 2013
Children's and Adult Services Appeals	28 January 2013
Children's and Adult Services Appeals	11 March 2013
Personnel Appeals	4 February 2013
Personnel Appeals	25 February 2013
Personnel Appeals	29 April 2013

#### **Resolved**

50. That the reports be received.

#### **Reports of other Committees**

51. 1 The reports of the following committees held on the dates stated were presented:-

Staffing	27 March 2013
Pension Fund	20 February 2013
Standards and Governance	15 April 2013

51.2 The following matter was raised under the minutes of the meeting of the Pension Fund Committee held on 20 February 2013:-

#### **Report of the Fund Administrator**

51.3 On minute 10.3 the County Council Member for Dorchester (Richard Biggs), who was a contributor to the Fund, asked whether the scheme would reach a negative position and, if it did, were contingency plans in place. The Director for Corporate Resources stated that looking forward to 2020 there were no indications that a negative cash flow would be reached. The possibility of a financial downturn due to members opting out of the scheme had not materialised and the new scheme would commence in 2014 with the potential for members to elect to receive a smaller pension for half the contributions. The Fund currently had a surplus annual turnover of £30-£35M.

#### **Resolved**

52. That the reports be received and the recommendation set out below be adopted:-

#### **Constitution Changes**

34. That the County Council be asked to approve the following changes to the Constitution:-

- (i) Dorset Councils Working Together Joint Committee – Designation of executive duties.
- (ii) Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee and the Adult and Community Services Overview Committee – Changes to the terms of reference.
- (iii) Dorset Shadow Health and Well-being Board – Amendment of the terms of reference.

(iv) *Dorset Approved Premises Scheme – Amendment to the terms of reference of the Cabinet, Licensing and Registration Committee, Adult and Community Services Overview Committee, and Scheme of Delegation of the powers delegated to the Head of Community Services.*

(v) *Public Health Overview Committee – Amendment to the terms of reference to be clear about those programmes that sit primarily within the remit of Public Health and within the Local Authority and those programmes and outcomes that are mandatory and non-mandatory.*

### **Reports of Joint Committees**

53.1 The reports of the following committees held on the dates stated were presented:-

Dorset Waste Partnership	21 March 2013
Dorset Shadow Health and Well-being Board	27 February 2012
Dorset Police and Crime Panel	23 April 2013

53.2 The following matter was raised under the minutes of the meeting of the Dorset Shadow Health and Well-being Board held on 27 February 2012:-

#### Outcome of the Development Work with the Local Government Association (LGA) – Establishing a Statutory Board

53.4 On minute 8, the Vice-Chairman of the Council explained that the meeting on 27 February 2013 had been the Shadow Board's final meeting prior to the statutory Board coming into effect on 1 April 2013. The LGA had provided options for the structure of the Board. Representation of GPs and elected members on the Board was a key issue and it had been agreed that the current membership should continue and be reviewed in six months time with a view to reducing the current membership. A statement of purpose provided by the LGA had been included in the terms of reference.

53.5 The County Council Member for Bridport moved an amendment to recommendation 9 that the working of the Dorset Health and Well-being Board be reviewed after six months. She referred to concern at District Council level about the reduction in the size of the Board which would see the removal of district members. It was important for local input into discussions about strategy and she referred to the Clinical Commissioning Group's arrangements which allowed for this by way of locality teams. The Cabinet Member for Education and Communications who had previously sat upon the Board stated that the current size of the Board made it unwieldy. She referred to the Children's Trust Board which had had a similar problem with size when it was first established but this had reduced over time. Now discussions at a local level were reported to the main Board and a similar arrangement could work for the Health and Well-being Board. She reminded the Council that the Board had agreed to this recommendation.

53.6 The County Council Member for Westham, who had seconded the amendment, spoke in support of the reviewing the work of the Board in six months time before making further recommendations on its membership. The amendment was lost on being put to the vote.

#### **Resolved**

54. That the reports be received and the recommendation set out below be adopted:-

#### Outcome of the Development Work with the Local Government Association (LGA) – Establishing a Statutory Board

9. *That the County Council agree that:*
- (i) the composition of the Statutory Board should be that of the existing Shadow Board but should be reviewed after six months with a view to recommendations to reduce the size of the Board being presented to the County Council in late 2013.*
  - (ii) the statement of purpose set out in paragraph 4.1 of the joint report be included in the terms of reference for the Statutory Board.*

**Dorset Fire Authority**

55. The report of the meeting of the Dorset Fire Authority held on 21 February 2013 was received.

**Questions**

56.1 A question by the County Council Member for Portland Tophill to the Leader of the Council on the Search and Rescue Helicopter was presented under Standing Order 20. The question and written answer provided are attached as Annexure 2 to these minutes.

56.2 On receiving the answer to the question, the County Council Member for Portland Tophill stated that this matter was of great concern to the wider Dorset community and under the new arrangements it would take up to an hour for a helicopter to arrive at a Dorset locality. He believed the Council should be doing more to address the community's concerns.

Meeting Duration: 10.00am to 12:00 Noon

## Annexure 1

### Appointments to the Committees of the County Council, Joint Committees and the Dorset Fire Authority 2013/14

#### Nominations from the Group Leaders

##### Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Members of the County Council (not being members of the Cabinet) 8

Conservative Group (5)      Liberal Democrat Group (2)      Labour Group (1)

Andrew Cattaway  
Deborah Croney  
Lesley Dedman  
Ian Gardner  
Peter Wharf

David Harris  
Trevor Jones

Mike Byatt

##### Adult and Community Services Overview Committee

Members of the County Council (not being members of the Cabinet or the Audit and Scrutiny Committee) 12

Conservative Group (7)      Liberal Democrat Group (3)      Labour Group (2)

Michael Bevan  
Ronald Coatsworth  
Robin Cook  
Ros Kayes  
David Jones  
William Trite  
David Walsh  
John Wilson

Fred Drane  
Beryl Ezzard

Paul Kimber  
Kate Wheller

##### Children's Services Overview Committee

Members of the County Council (not being members of the Cabinet or the Audit and Scrutiny Committee) 12

Co-opted members (voting on education matters only) 4

12

Conservative Group (7)      Liberal Democrat Group (3)      Labour Group (2)

Pauline Batstone  
Michael Bevan  
Steve Butler  
Colin Jamieson  
Mike Lovell  
Margaret Phipps  
Daryl Turner

Barrie Cooper  
Beryl Ezzard  
Susan Jefferies

Dan Brember  
Mike Byatt

### Environment Overview Committee

Members of the County Council (not being members of the Cabinet or the Audit and Scrutiny Committee)

12

<u>Conservative Group</u> (7)	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u> (3)	<u>Labour Group</u> (2)
Ronald Coatsworth	Richard Biggs	Paul Kimber
Robin Cook	Andy Canning	Mark Tewkesbury
Peter Hall	Mervyn Jeffery	
Mike Lovell		
Margaret Phipps		
Peter Richardson		
John Wilson		

### Public Health Overview Committee

Members of the County Council (not being members of the Cabinet or the Audit and Scrutiny Committee)

12

<u>Conservative Group</u> (7)	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u> (3)	<u>Labour Group</u> (2)
Pauline Batstone	Janet Dover	Kate Wheller
Michael Bevan	Fred Drane	Mike Byatt
Steve Butler	Ros Kayes	
Colin Jamieson		
William Trite		
Daryl Turner		
David Walsh		

### Children's and Adult Services Appeals Committee

Members of the County Council (not being members of the Cabinet)  
(plus reserve members)

5

<u>Conservative Group</u> (3)	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u> (1)	<u>Labour Group</u> (1)
Robin Cook	Ros Kayes	Mike Byatt
Lesley Dedman		
Daryl Turner		

#### Reserve Members

<u>Conservative Group</u> (3)	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u> (1)	<u>Labour Group</u> (1)
Pauline Batstone	Susan Jefferies	Dan Brember
Deborah Croney		
Peter Wharf		

### Licensing and Registration Committee

Members of the County Council (not being members of the Cabinet)

5

<u>Conservative Group</u> (3)	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u> (1)	<u>Labour Group</u> (1)
Pauline Batstone	David Mannings	Paul Kimber
Daryl Turner		
David Walsh		

### Personnel Appeals Committee

Members of the County Council (not being members of the Cabinet)  
(plus five reserve members)

5

<u>Conservative Group</u> (3)	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u> (1)	<u>Labour Group</u> (1)
Pauline Batstone	David Harris	Paul Kimber
Deborah Croney		
Peter Richardson		

#### Reserve Members

<u>Conservative Group</u> (3)	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u> (1)	<u>Labour Group</u> (1)
Robin Cook	Beryl Ezzard	Mike Byatt
Margaret Phipps		
William Trite		

### Planning Committee

Members of the County Council (not being members of the Cabinet)

10

<u>Conservative Group</u> (6)	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u> (3)	<u>Labour Group</u> (1)
Steve Butler	Barrie Cooper	Mark Tewkesbury
Lesley Dedman	Mervyn Jeffery	
Peter Hall	David Mannings	
David Jones		
Mike Lovell		
David Walsh		

### Roads and Rights of Way Committee

Members of the County Council (not being members of the Cabinet)

10

<u>Conservative Group</u> (6)	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u> (3)	<u>Labour Group</u> (1)
Steve Butler	Barrie Cooper	Kate Wheller
Ian Gardner	Beryl Ezzard	
David Jones	David Mannings	
Margaret Phipps		
Peter Richardson		
Daryl Turner		

### Ad Hoc Accounts Committee

Members of the County Council

9

<u>Conservative Group</u> (5)	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u> (3)	<u>Labour Group</u> (1)
Spencer Flower	Richard Biggs	Mike Byatt
Robert Gould	Andy Canning	
David Walsh	Fred Drane	
Peter Wharf		
John Wilson		

### Standards and Governance Committee

Chairman of the County Council		<u>1</u>
Other members who are not members of the Cabinet to be nominated by Group Leaders following discussions between them		<u>5</u>
Independent external members		<u>4</u>
		<u>10</u>
Chairman of the County Council (John Wilson)	Other Members (5) - (Con) Andrew Cattaway - (Con) David Jones - (Con) Peter Wharf - (Lib Dem) Janet Dover - (Lab) Mike Byatt	

### Staffing Committee

Members of the County Council (to include the Chairman of the Council, Leader of the Council and three other members)		<u>5</u>
<u>Conservative Group</u> (3) Spencer Flower Robert Gould John Wilson	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u> (1) Trevor Jones	<u>Labour Group</u> (1) Paul Kimber

### Pension Fund Committee

Members of the County Council		5
Representative of Bournemouth Borough Council		1
Representative of the Borough of Poole		1
Representative of District Councils		<u>1</u>
		<u>8</u>
County Council Members		
<u>Conservative Group</u> (3) Ronald Coatsworth Colin Jamieson Mike Lovell	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u> (1) Andy Canning	<u>Labour Group</u> (1) Mike Byatt

### Joint Committees

#### Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee

Members of the County Council necessary to achieve representation from the main political groups based on the political balance rules: every effort being made so that: each represents an area of the county which coincides with the district/borough area in which their County Council electoral division is located.	6
Members appointed by each of the six district/borough councils in Dorset	<u>6</u>
	<u>12</u>

County Council Members		
<u>Conservative Group</u> (4) Michael Bevan Ronald Coatsworth Mike Lovell	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u> (1) Ros Kayes	<u>Labour Group</u> (1) Mike Byatt

William Trite

**Police and Crime Panel**

Members of Bournemouth Borough Council	4
Members of the County Council	2
Members of the Borough of Poole	<u>4</u>
	<u>12</u>

County Council Members

<u>Conservative Group</u> (1)	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u> (1)
Ian Gardner	Fred Drane

**South East Dorset Strategic Planning and Transportation Joint Committee**

County Council Members (6)

<u>Conservative Group</u> (4)	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u> (1)	<u>Labour Group</u> (1)
Hilary Cox	Janet Dover	Paul Kimber
Robert Gould		
Colin Jamieson		
Peter Wharf		

Substitutes (6)

<u>Conservative Group</u> (4)	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u> (1)	<u>Labour Group</u> (1)
Lesley Dedman	Mervyn Jeffery	Mark Tewkesbury
Spencer Flower		
Peter Hall		
John Wilson		

**Sub-Regional Advisory Group**

County Council Members (2)

<u>Conservative Group</u> (2)
Hilary Cox
Peter Finney

Reserves (2)

Vacancy  
Vacancy

**Local Transport Plan Advisory Group**

County Council Members (2)

<u>Conservative Group</u> (2)
Andrew Cattaway
Peter Hall

Reserves (2)

David Jones  
John Wilson

**Dorset and South Wiltshire Planning and Transportation Liaison Committee**

County Council Member (1)

<u>Conservative Group</u> (1)
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Hilary Cox

Reserves (1)

Peter Finney

**Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee\***

County Council Members (2)

Conservative Group (2)

Hilary Cox

Robert Gould

Reserves (2)

Jill Haynes

Spencer Flower

**Public Health Joint Committee\***

County Council Members (2)

Conservative Group (2)

Peter Finney

Jill Haynes

Reserves (2)

Rebecca Knox

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Observer Status

-

\*NB As joint committees exercising executive functions, the Leader of the County Council is responsible for making these appointments.

**Dorset Fire Authority**

The Dorset Fire Authority comprises 15 members appointed in proportion to the number of electors in each constituent council (Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole).

Dorset County Council has 8 representatives:-

Conservative Group (5)

Ronald Coatsworth

Spencer Flower

Colin Jamieson

Rebecca Knox

John Wilson

Liberal Democrat Group (2)

Susan Jefferies

Trevor Jones

Labour Group (1)

Mike Byatt

**Member Champion Nominations**

Carer's Champion (1)

Conservative

Michael Bevan

Liberal Democrat

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Labour

-

Corporate Sustainability programme (1)

Conservative

John Wilson

Diversity (including disability) (1)

Conservative

Pauline Batstone

Domestic Violence (1)

Conservative

Lesley Dedman

Freedom of Information (1)

Conservative

John Wilson

Community Services (incorporating cultural services, community safety, health improvement, adult learning and the voluntary sector) (1)

Vacancy

Mental Health Services (1)

Conservative

Michael Bevan

Older People (1)

Conservative

Michael Bevan

Physical Activity (1)

Conservative

Peter Wharf

Trading Standards (1)

Conservative

Peter Wharf

Supporting People (1)

Conservative

David Jones

Young People "Hear by Right" (Setting Standards for the Active Involvement of Young People in Democracy) (1)

Conservative

Toni Coombs

**Other Organisations**

Local Government Association - General Assembly

Conservative (3)

Hilary Cox

Spencer Flower

Robert Gould

Liberal Democrat (1)

Fred Drane

County Council's Network

Conservative (3)

Hilary Cox

Spencer Flower

Robert Gould

Liberal Democrat (1)

Beryl Ezzard

South West Councils

Conservative (1)

Spencer Flower

South West Councils Employers Panel

Conservative (1)

Robert Gould

Local Government Association Rural Commission

Conservative (1)

Hilary Cox

Liberal Democrat (1)

Mervyn Jeffery

**Annexure 2**Questions Under Standing Order 20

Question from Paul Kimber to the Leader of the Council

Question

Recognising the importance of SAR (Search and Helicopter Rescue) based on Portland serving the community of Dorset. The public in Dorset have clearly expressed their support for the retention of this vital service. The planned replacement service does not replace the former service located in Dorset.

Please can you confirm if the Council would call for an urgent meeting with the Government Minister to retain this vital service?

Answer

The County Council has not been consulted about the removal of the Portland Helicopter. Indeed there has been no consultation with those affected by the withdrawal.

There has been considerable concern raised about the lack of consultation on these changes on a national basis and the Parliamentary Select Committee on Transport has expressed surprise at the lack of consultation and has made its views known that it believes consultation should have taken place.

There is a petition being sponsored by Mr Richard Drax MP asking for the decision to be reconsidered and for the Portland helicopter to be retained. Anyone can add their name to the petition on the e-petitions part of the direct.gov web site, the petition closes in July would need to reach a 100,000 signature threshold in order to prompt a backbench business committee debate.

However, in response to the petition so far the Government are saying that they have already awarded the contract for SAR to Bristow and that the new arrangements provide better and faster coverage, albeit not based at Portland.

The County Council has no formal role to play in this process but I am able to confirm that I will write to the Secretary of State for Transport make clear the concerns expressed by many local residents and business.