

Dorset Leaders' and Chief Executives' Group - 19 March 2015

Notes

Executive Summary

- Leaders were given an update about the status of the DWP and agreed to provide oversight while existing Joint Scrutiny arrangements are revised.
- Leaders were informed about the issues with the on and off-street parking service and agreed that more work was urgently needed.

Present:

Elaine Atkinson (EA)	Leader, Poole Borough Council (+ Chair)
Robert Gould (RG)	Leader, Dorset County Council
Anthony Alford (AA)	Leader, West Dorset District Council
Mike Byatt (MB)	Chairman of the Management Committee, Weymouth and Portland Borough Council
John Beesley (JB)	Leader, Bournemouth Borough Council
Ray Nottage (RN)	Leader, Christchurch Borough Council
Ian Monks (IM)	Leader, East Dorset District Council
Gary Suttle (GS)	Leader, Purbeck District Council
Graham Carr-Jones (GC-J)	Deputy Leader, North Dorset District Council
Steve Mackenzie (SM)	Chief Executive, Purbeck District Council
Debbie Ward (DW)	Chief Executive, Dorset County Council
Matt Prosser (MP)	Chief Executive, North Dorset District Council, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council
David McIntosh (DM)	Chief Executive, Christchurch and East Dorset Partnership

In attendance:

Tom Francis (TF)	National Management Trainee (+ notes)
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Apologies:

Deborah Croney	Leader, North Dorset District Council
Becky Forrester	Policy Officer, Dorset Councils Working Together

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1	<p>Notes and Matters Arising</p> <p>With regard to the Community Safety Partnership (Item 8), Leaders agreed that Weymouth and Portland Borough Council should be approached again after the election.</p>
2	<p>NavitusBay Update</p> <p>JB tabled a paper, noting that it provided an update on the status of the current work. People opposing the development have developed a robust case. JB also noted that after a recommendation had been given, there will be intense lobbying.</p> <p>RN and JB re-emphasised the need for a single voice.</p>
3	<p>Leaders' and Chief Executives' Group Forward Plan</p> <p>Leaders added Superfast Dorset and Navitus as an item in May. They also requested that the SEP revision be added as an item in July.</p>
4	<p>The Dorset Waste Partnership</p> <p>SM presented the item on the DWP and noted that there was an overspend of £2.5 mil. at the end of February.</p> <p>WYG are supporting the action plan and acting as the interim director of the DWP whilst completing a handover to the new director of operations. He also</p>

	<p>noted that progress is being made.</p> <p>AA noted that the meeting of the joint committee responded to three separate reports and that officers have done a lot of work. He noted that there was a lack of a member voice and view and that the committee was trying to think strategically whilst making operations more efficient.</p> <p>AA also noted that any scrutiny by the Growth Board should be done at arms length and be short term. MB noted that if the group is scrutinising, each member's own scrutiny groups should be informed. SM noted that the Growth Board was meant to give oversight, not scrutiny and that the commission would not last longer than six months.</p> <p>The group resolved to clarify scrutiny for the next meeting and put it on the agenda.</p>	SM/DW
5	<p>Dorset Wide On and Off-Street Parking Service</p> <p>DW introduced the item and noted that detailed work has been completed but that the delivery was late and that the issue needed to be resolved.</p> <p>AA stated that the business case has to be proven and RN noted that the issue is one of quality of service and that work needs to move on.</p> <p>DW stated that she would come back with due diligence at the next meeting in May.</p>	DW
AOB	<p>AOB</p> <p>There was no AOB</p>	

Date of next meeting: Friday 29 May, 3pm, Bournemouth Borough Council