

**EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SCRUTINY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 December 2014 at 6.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr A Skeats – Chairman

Cllr S Butler – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr M C Birr, Cllr Mrs S J Burns, Cllr D B F Burt, Cllr A A J Clarke,  
Cllr R D Cook, Cllr Mrs A Holland, Cllr J P Holland,  
Cllr Mrs P A Hymers, Cllr J E Little and Cllr J L Wilson

Also in attendance: Cllr Mrs B Manuel and Cllr D Morgan

Apologies: Cllr R C Dudman and Cllr P J Edwards

271. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made on this occasion.

272. Executive Style Governance - Outcome of Consultation

The Solicitor to the Council submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Four further responses, which had been received since the Agenda had been published, from West Parley and St Leonard's Parish Councils and Ferndown and Wimborne Minster Town Councils, were circulated to Members at the meeting.

The total responses included four supporting/no objection to the Cabinet system proposal; five against/no support (during the debate Members accepted that there had been 5 and not 4 representations against/not in support of the change as had previously been identified, as the wording from Colehill PC was of not supporting); and three non-committals.

Members discussed the responses received and the views that had been shared with them. It was felt that there was an equal amount of support for the proposal as there were those against. It was questioned how well understood the Cabinet system was.

It was the view of some Members that an improved committee system process had not been sufficiently investigated and that this could have been a further option for consideration.

**RESOLVED that:**

**The Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee advise the Council, that in view of the responses, the Council should continue to operate under a Committee system and not change to a Cabinet system.**

Voting: 6:5 (0 abstentions)

The meeting ended at 7.00 pm

CHAIRMAN