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DECISIONS OF THE WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 9 AUGUST 2016

The following decisions were made by the Executive Committee on 9 August 2016 and will come into force and may be implemented on 18 August 2016 unless the decision is called in for scrutiny.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or a group of not less than four non-executive members (consisting of members from more than a single political group) may request the Chief Executive to 'call-in' a decision for scrutiny. The Chief Executive will be provided with a statement outlining the reasons for call-in when the request is made. The Leader of Council will also be notified of the call-in and the Chief Executive will determine a date for the meeting within 10 working days of the decision to call-in. The deadline for this request is **5 pm on 17 August 2016.**

The full call-in procedure is set out on pages 128 - 129 of the Constitution or for further information and advice please telephone Susan Carne on 01305 252216.

Executive Committee recommendations to Full Council, will be submitted to the Council meeting on 8 September 2016.

The decisions set out within this document are divided into the following sections:

- A Recommendations from scrutiny committees**
- B Executive Committee reports**

4 SCRUTINY REVIEW OF COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR BRIDPORT LEISURE CENTRE

Decision

That the Executive Committee notes the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's recommendation that the council's offer of future support to the Bridport & West Dorset Sports Trust for the operation of Bridport Leisure Centre and that the matter is considered as part of the forthcoming budget setting process for 2017-18.

6 WEST DORSET TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES SERVICE REVIEW

Decision

- (a) That Bridport Tourist Information Centre is transferred to Bridport Town Council by 1st April 2017;
- (b) That a sum of £150,000 from the Council's reserves be paid to Bridport Town Council in association with the transfer of Bridport Tourist Information Centre;
- (c) That the ability to operate the Bridport Charter market is provided to the Town Council and that the annual fee is waived;
- (d) That Bridport Tourist Information Centre is transferred without public consultation;
- (e) That, for Dorchester TIC, the options of relocation to Dorchester Library or replacement of the existing service with an unstaffed Tourist Information Point (TIP) are presented for public consultation, with the results informing a report to be considered at the December Executive Committee meeting.

7 BUSINESS REVIEW QUARTER 1 2016/17

Decision

That the latest position and the projected outturn for the year in respect of the 2016/17 revenue and capital budgets be noted.

8 SHIRE HALL DORCHESTER - PROJECT UPDATE

Decision

(a) In order to be able to award the main capital works contract based upon the current tender specification and evaluation in line with the WDDC procurement rules, WDDC seek a contribution from the HLF in the sum of £223,452.84 and also commit themselves to further funding of up to £206,264.16 from the Corporate Projects Reserve for the Shire Hall Project;

(b) That officers complete the ongoing value engineering exercise on the Shire Hall specification and report to the Executive Committee at the earliest opportunity the outcome of this and the HLF bid in order that Executive may determine any further action required;

(c) That the member task and finish group is reformatted upon completion of the Capital works, and becomes the main point of liaison between WDDC and SHDT with terms of reference as set out in Appendix 1, subject to the group meeting every 3 months;

(d) That WDDC provide an additional sum of £50,000 from the Corporate Projects Reserve, to SHDT to pay for the financial effect of a delayed handover to them, legal and accountancy fees, and deficit from events.

9 ALLOCATION OF DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ENHANCEMENT OF RECREATION PROVISION IN DORCHESTER

Decision

That the Committee endorses the process for the allocation of developer contributions in Dorchester as set out in paragraphs 23 and 24 of this report, including:

- a) the establishment of a member panel comprising the district councillors for the wards of Dorchester, Puddletown, Winterborne St Martin, Cerne Valley. and Broadmayne & Crossways and the portfolio holders for Planning and for Enabling.
- b) the presentation, in due course, of the member panel's recommendations to the Executive Committee for approval.

10 REVIEW OF CAR PARKING CHARGES

Decision

(a) That a planned maintenance budget be approved for the current year of £100,000, funded by the Corporate Projects Reserve, to enable immediate repairs and upgrades (Appendix 1) that are essential to be carried out within the car parks;

(b) That £300,000 from the Corporate Projects Reserve be approved for planned specified capital works (Appendix 2) that are necessary to improve the condition and safety of the car parks;

(c) That the proposals for car parking charges, as set out in Appendix 3, together with the comments made at the Executive Committee be the subject of a consultation exercise with town councils, BID and chambers of commerce;

(d) That the renegotiation of fees be approved for the management and/or collecting pay & display cash from car parks that this Council does not own.

11 NEW NATIONAL POLICY ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Decision

That members endorse the approach set out in the report in relation to the changes to national policy on affordable housing including, in appropriate circumstances:

- for applications to which local plan policy HOUS1 and new national policy and guidance on affordable housing relate, officers normally attaching very considerable weight to the provisions in new national policy and guidance;
- officers normally applying or recommending the application of the thresholds in national policy and guidance below which affordable housing should not be sought, including officers applying, or recommending the application of, a different threshold in 'rural areas' described under Section 157(1) of the Housing Act 1985; and
- officers normally applying or recommending the application of vacant building credit in accordance with national policy and guidance.

12 PURBECK LOCAL PLAN PARTIAL REVIEW - RESPONSE TO OPTIONS CONSULTATION

Decision

That the officer response attached in Appendix A be approved as West Dorset District Council's response to consultation on options for the Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review.

13 PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE POLICY

Decision

- (a) That the Housing Assistance Policy attached to the report, designed to deliver a more integrated customer focussed service for disabled, be adopted;
- (b) That the policy be reviewed at the conclusion of the 2016-17 financial year, with any necessary revisions being the subject of a further report for consideration.

14 PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Decision

- (a) That the draft Property Asset Management Plan be approved covering the period 2016 – 2020 as being a framework document for the management of the Councils Assets;
- (b) That the more detailed work program timetable be received once completed.

(c) That a spreadsheet containing details of all council assets be received by October 2016.

15 PROPOSAL TO SELL THE CHANTRY, BRIDPORT

Decision

- (a) That planning permission on the Chantry be obtained for use as a single dwelling;
- (b) That the furnishings and effects currently in the Chantry be purchased;
- (c) That the Chantry be sold by private treaty.;