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DECISIONS OF THE WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 13 SEPTEMBER 2016

The following decisions were made by the Executive Committee on 13 September 2016 and will come into force and may be implemented on 22 September 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 Wednesday 21 September 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.

The full minutes of the Executive Committee held on 13 September 2016, including any recommendations to Council, will be submitted to the Council meeting on 3 November 2016.

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

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

5 BUDGET UPDATE

(a) That the budget options requiring member approval set out in Appendix 1 are included within the 2017/18 budget proposals;

(b) That the updated position on reserves as set out in Appendix 4 is approved;

(c) That the council accepts the governments offer of a '4 year' financial settlement and that the Section 151 officer submits the required efficiency plan.

To enable the Council to balance the 2017/18 budget.

6 TREASURY OUT TURN REPORT 2015-16

That members note changes to the treasury portfolio.

To ensure that members are aware of developments within their remit.

7 DEVELOPMENT OF DORCHESTER'S CENTRE

(a) That the draft Dorchester Town Centre report prepared by GL Hearn be received;

(b) That delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director in consultation with the planning and asset management portfolio holders to finalise the report with GL Hearn;

(c) That additional work described in the report be commissioned by the Council (soft market testing; archaeological peer review and retail capacity study) and once specifications have been prepared and costs/budget have been confirmed, the town centre strategy.

To report to executive on the GL Hearn commission, which was approved 12 April 2016. To enable the member led Charles Street Working Group to make progress to support Dorchester's town centre including the council's assets and Charles Street site.

8 SHIRE HALL, DORCHESTER, PROJECT UPDATE

That the tender for the capital works to Shire Hall be awarded to Greendale Construction.

To allow the contract to be awarded so that the capital works can commence on site in Autumn 2016. This enables work to start on site before the winter and removes the risk that the fabric of the building may deteriorate further.

9 CHICKERELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - AREA DESIGNATION

That the neighbourhood plan area following the parish boundary of Chickerell as proposed by Chickerell Town Council, be designated.

To respond to a request from Chickerell Town Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Plan area. A decision is required by the Executive Committee as the

Neighbourhood Plan area submitted by Chickerell Town Council does not fall within the remit of the delegated approval process agreed by Executive Committee in July 2012.

10 DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE MICROCHIPPING OF DOGS

To delegate authority to the Head of Community Protection to authorise officers to enforce the Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015.

In order to enforce the provisions of the Regulations, officers are required to be authorised in writing by the local authority (Regulation 11 (2)) and be able to produce the written authorisation (Regulation 12).

11 UPDATE TO THE CONSTITUTION

In so far as members have power so to do:

(a) agree but otherwise support the updates to the Constitution as set out in Appendices 1 to 4 attached to the report;

(b) agree but otherwise support updating the Constitution to incorporate a uniform delegation relating to planning applications as set out in Appendix 5, Part 1 of the report; and

(c) delegate to the Monitoring Officer power to make such further consequential changes to the Constitution as are necessary to reflect the changes set out in the appendices

To introduce changes to the Constitutions to reflect variations to legislative requirements, seek to secure the better alignment of various existing policies and powers within the different Constitutions, develop a clearer interaction between existing provisions within the Constitution and give further clarity to officer powers and responsibilities.

12 ANTI FRAUD AND CORRUPTION STRATEGY

That members adopt the Joint Anti Fraud and Corruption Strategy.

To ensure the Dorset Councils Partnership has an up to date strategy which reflects best practice.

13 WHISTLE BLOWING POLICY

That the Whistleblowing Policy be approved.

The Council is committed to the highest possible standards of openness, probity and accountability. In line with that commitment we encourage employees and others that we deal with, who have concerns about any aspect of the council's work to come forward and voice those concerns. This is commonly referred to as "Whistleblowing".