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**DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
13 OCTOBER 2015**

The following decisions were made by the Executive Committee on Tuesday 13 October 2015 and will come into force and may be implemented on Thursday 22 October 2015 unless the decision is called in for scrutiny.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution (Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rule 14) any non-executive member of Council (supported by 8 other members) may request the Chief Executive to 'call-in' a decision for scrutiny by the Ad Hoc Call-in Committee. 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 October 2015.**

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 October 2015, including any recommendations to Council, will be submitted to the Council meeting on 22 October 2015.

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

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

## **SECTION A RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

No scrutiny recommendations

## **SECTION B EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITIES OF BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH, EAST DORSET AND POOLE**

#### **DECISION**

That the first item of substantive business at the meeting of Full Council on 22 October shall be a discussion on this topic. It is to enable all members to contribute to a constructive dialogue and no resolution is sought or required.

### **2. TOLPUDDLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME**

#### **DECISION**

That a grant of £120,000 be paid to Hastoe Housing Association to develop 8 affordable rented homes in Tolpuddle, to be funded from S106 agreement contributions held from developments at Tolpuddle and Dorchester.

*To enable the development of 8 affordable rented homes for local people.*

### **3. SHIRE HALL, DORCHESTER – UPDATE REPORT**

#### **DECISION**

- (a) That the remaining funds of £0.9m previously set aside in the corporate projects reserve is released to match fund the HLF grant of £1.5m to enable the repair, renovation and fitting out works required to transform the grade 1 listed building into a fully operational visitor attraction;
- (b) That a further £100,000 is committed from the corporate projects reserve to match fund the HLF grant;
- (c) That WDDC enter into legal agreements incorporating a 25 year lease, a development agreement and a MoU with the London Dorchester Committee Trust (LDCT) for Shire Hall, upon completion of the capital works, to enable the LDCT to operate the visitor attraction;
- (d) That WDDC allow the Shire Hall Manager, once appointed, to use South Walks House as a base until Shire Hall is ready for occupation.

*It has been a long held aspiration of the council to achieve a heritage visitor centre at Shire Hall which includes the Old Crown Court and cells and is a Grade 1 listed building of national importance.*

#### **4. ARTS FACILITIES IN SHERBORNE**

##### **DECISION**

- (a) That the committee notes the request from Sherborne Town Council for the council to contribute £500,000 to the proposed refurbishment of the Digby Hall, Sherborne, in order to deliver the district council's aspiration for arts facilities in the area.
- (b) That the committee agrees to award a grant of up to £3,000 from the Leisure Development Fund to assist Sherborne Town Council in the development of a detailed business case for the refurbishment of the Digby Hall to serve both as an information centre for visitors and as a community arts venue for Sherborne and surrounding area.

*To provide a response to the approach from Sherborne Town Council for capital funding and ensure committee approval for an allocation from the Leisure Development Fund.*

#### **5. FUNDING REQUESTS FROM CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS**

##### **DECISION**

- (a) That the council awards a grant of £20,000 from the Corporate Projects Reserve to Bridport Museum Trust Ltd to assist with its capital project to improve its education and exhibition areas;
- (b) That the council awards a grant of £25,000 from the Corporate Projects Reserve to the Lyme Regis Philpot Museum Trust Ltd as a contribution to its project to build the Mary Anning Wing and other improvements;
- (c) That the council agrees to the request from the Lyme Regis Philpot Museum Trust Ltd to the option of a loan of up to £50,000 from the Corporate Projects Reserve to assist with cashflow during implementation of the development project;
- (d) That the council awards a grant of £25,000 from the Corporate Projects Reserve to Bridport Arts Centre to support its project to undertake works to its premises to improve the catering, box office and theatre areas and the energy efficiency of the building;
- (e) That the council agrees to an extension until April 2019 to the repayment period for Bridport Arts Centre's loan from the council and for the repayment instalments to be deducted from any annual revenue grant paid by the council to Bridport Arts Centre;
- (f) That the Strategic Director be given delegated authority to the terms of any grant agreements between the council and the Bridport Museum Trust Ltd, the Lyme Regis Philpot Museum Trust Ltd and Bridport Arts Centre.

*In order that the charitable trusts that operate the three facilities can secure significant grants from other bodies, including the Heritage Lottery Fund and Arts Council England, and thereby improve both their buildings and operations.*

**6. MINUTES OF THE DORSET WASTE PARTNERSHIP**

**DECISION**

That the minutes of the Dorset Waste Partnership held on 14 September 2015 be received and noted.

**7. MINUTES OF THE GRYPHON SPORTS CENTRE**

**DECISION**

That the minutes of the Gryphon Sports Centre Management Committee held on 23 September 2015 be received and noted.