



Cabinet

Date: Tuesday, 29 July 2025
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Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

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Representatives of town or parish councils and members of the public who live, work, or represent an organisation within the Dorset Council area are welcome to submit either 1 question or 1 statement for each meeting. You are welcome to attend the meeting in person or via MS Teams to read out your question and to receive the response. If you submit a statement for the committee this will be circulated to all members of the committee in advance of the meeting as a supplement to the agenda and appended to the minutes for the formal record but will not be read out at the meeting. The first 8 questions and the first 8 statements received from members of the public or organisations for each meeting will be accepted on a first come first served basis in accordance with the deadline set out below. Further information read [Public Participation - Dorset Council](#)

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When submitting your question or statement please note that:

- You can submit 1 question or 1 statement.
 - a question may include a short pre-amble to set the context.
 - It must be a single question and any sub-divided questions will not be permitted.
 - Each question will consist of no more than 450 words, and you will be given up to 3 minutes to present your question.
 - when submitting a question please indicate who the question is for (e.g., the name of the committee or Portfolio Holder)
 - Include your name, address, and contact details. Only your name will be published but we may need your other details to contact you about your question or statement in advance of the meeting.
 - questions and statements received in line with the council's rules for public participation will be published as a supplement to the agenda.
 - all questions, statements and responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting.
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Public Questions – Cabinet 29 July 2025

Question from Karen Tipps, resident of Shaftesbury

On 15 October 2024, Cabinet awarded £876,278 in s106 funding to Shaftesbury Town Council, based on an August 2024 application that included plans later found to be non-compliant with Building Regulations and cost estimates underestimated by hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Since that decision, the project has been redesigned by a new architect, will require a fresh planning application, and is now over £500,000 above the original budget.

The Section 106 agreement was for community use, yet the first floor is now proposed to be rented to Dorset Council for a Family Hub and to the NHS - both statutory, employment based uses. This change was never consulted on with residents, and the land at Mampitts Green, East of Shaftesbury is designated for recreational, not employment use.

Will the Cabinet and/or Scrutiny Committee initiate a review into the October 2024 Cabinet decision, in light of these material changes and concerns over planning compliance, cost, and use of public funds?

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