



Cabinet

Date: Tuesday, 3 March 2026
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Chief Executive: Catherine Howe, Dorset Council County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ

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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-ambble 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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Cabinet Public Question for 3 March 2026

1. Question from Cllr Steven Dickens (Weymouth Town Council, Preston Ward)

Could Dorset Council please clarify, as a matter of urgency, who holds formal responsibility for the maintenance of the planters along Preston Beach Road, given that Dorset Council owns the sea wall but claims there is an agreement with Weymouth Town Council regarding upkeep, for which no evidence or paperwork can be provided by either party? Furthermore, what immediate steps will be taken to address the deteriorating condition of these planters, which is impacting the appearance of one of the main access roads to Weymouth—a town reliant on tourism—and to ensure this situation is rectified without further delay?

2. Question from Danny Whyte (Group Admin WeyPortCCOS)

I have read in the recent cabinet papers that Dorset Council are looking into outsourcing some services to BCP, the main one in question is the South West Flood and Coastal Partnership.

Question 1) Why is this even proposed when we have a team within Dorset Council?

Question 2) How much is it going to cost the council to outsource this service?

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