

Cabinet

Date: Tuesday, 6 October 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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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](#)

All submissions must be emailed in full to Kate.Critchel@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk by 8.30am on Thursday 1 October 2026.

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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Public Question

Question from David Redgewell Dorset catch the bus campaign

With the bus service improvement plan for Dorset unitary Council

With need to provide social necessary bus services to ser work places Hospital, schools, colleges universities court facilities, shopping centres, public transport interchange with coach ,Rail Air and Ferry links as part of a full accessible network under the Buses Act 2025 .

What progress is now being made?

To provide 6 days bus service on Dorset core bus Network.

With only CR6 Bridport bus and coach station to Broadwindor Crewkerne and Yeovil bus and coach station,

CR2 Gillingham Railway station to Shaftsbury,

CR3 Sturminster Newton to Gillingham Railway station,

Blandford Forum to Weymouth

Have Saturday services

But service have no Saturday service

CR4 Yeovil bus and coach station to Blandford Forum

CR5 Dorchester to Yeovil Bus and coach station via Sherborne,

CR7 Blandford Forum to Shaftsbury

CR9 Blandford Forum to Dorchester

20 Salisbury City centre to Blandford Forum which is still not serving Salisbury Rail station.

When will Dorset Council using local funding Government bus grant to provide Saturday service on all Dorset core bus Network and look to provide a Sunday bus network.

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