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**DECISIONS OF THE DORSET COUNCIL - CABINET  
25 JUNE 2019**

The following decisions were made by the Executive Committee on 25 June 2019 and will come into force and may be implemented on 9 July 2019 unless the decision is called in for scrutiny.

In accordance with the council's constitution, any six members of the same relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee may request the Monitoring Officer to 'call-in' a decision for scrutiny. The Monitoring Officer will be provided with written notice that will identify the decision to be called-in and the ground for the call-in when the request is made. If satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the proposed call-in, the Monitoring Officer will notify the decision-maker of the call-in within 5 clear working days. The deadline for this request is **8 July 2019**.

The full call-in procedure is set out in the Constitution or for further information and advice please telephone Lee Gallagher on 01305 224191

## **5 REVENUES AND BENEFITS POLICIES AND SCHEMES**

### Recommended

1. That Council agree, effective from 1 April 2019, that 100% of all income from War Disablement or War Widows Pension be disregarded when calculating entitlement to Housing Benefit in line with the resolution at Appendix A of the report.

### Decisions

2. That the Council Tax Discretionary Discount Policy set out at Appendix B of the report be adopted.

3. That the Business Rates Revaluation Support Scheme set out at Appendix C of the report be adopted.

4. That any underspend in the government grant allocation of £243,000 be used to provide additional support for struggling businesses and that approval of such cases be delegated to the Executive Director - Corporate Development (S151) after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Commercial and Assets.

5. That the Hardship Relief Policy set out at Appendix D of the report be adopted.

6. That the Discretionary Housing Payments Policy set out at Appendix E of the report be adopted.

### Reason for Decisions

To ensure that a consistent approach was taken in relation to the award of discretionary awards, discounts, payments and reliefs.

## **6 EQUITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS - DAY CARE & TRANSPORT**

### Decisions

1. That the current policy be fully implemented and that all service users be asked to contribute the full cost of putting in place the arrangements for meeting needs, based on their assessed income and savings.

2. That these changes take effect:

a. for transport provided from 8 September 2019, and

b. for the day care element, to be increased in two stages; 50% for care provided from 8 September, followed by full cost to be payable for care received from 6 October 2019 to provide some mitigation for the move towards the full assessed contribution for meeting care costs.

## Reasons for Decisions

The policy with regards to full cost charging was previously agreed by the predecessor Dorset County Council. The proposed implementation date of 8 September 2019 gives enough time for appropriate communications and support for those that would be affected by the changes.

The stepped increase for day care contributions provides some mitigation for the move towards the full assessed contribution to meet care costs.

## **7 DORSET COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

### Decisions

1. That Dorset Council progress with a Dorset Council Local Plan in line with the high-level project plan set out in the draft Local Development Scheme (Appendix 1 of the report) with the aim of adopting the plan by April 2023.

2. That the separate local plan reviews currently under way in the Dorset Council area, with the exception of the Purbeck plan which has reached examination, do not continue, but that all existing work carried out on these reviews be used where possible to shape the new Dorset Council Local Plan.

3. That the draft Local Development Scheme (Appendix 1 to the report) be approved as Dorset Council's current programme for plan preparation.

4. That the Council retains its commitment to cooperation with neighbouring councils on strategic planning matters, as expressed in the Statement of Common Ground approved by the predecessor councils.

### Reason for Decisions

To ensure that work on the preparation of a new Dorset Council Local Plan could be progressed to enable adoption by April 2023.

## **8 ADOPTION OF BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH, POOLE AND DORSET WASTE PLAN**

### Recommended

That Council:

1. adopts the Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Waste Plan subject to the inclusion of the main modifications that are appended to the Inspector's Report;

2. confirms that the formal adoption date will begin two weeks from the date at which both BCP Council and Dorset Council have resolved to adopt the plan;

3. delegates to the Lead Member for Planning, after consultation with the Executive Director for Place:

a. any additional (non-material) modifications to the Plan which were the subject of consultation, together with any other additional modifications which benefit the clarity of the Plan;

b. authority to expedite any technical/procedural matters associated with adoption of the plan, including those connected with Dorset Council's role as the Competent Authority on matters relating the Habitats Regulations Assessment<sup>1</sup> of the Plan.

### Reasons for Decisions

1. To ensure Dorset Council had an up-to-date statutory policy framework for considering planning applications for waste development.

2. To comply with the requirements of the statutory/consequential orders concerning Shaping Dorset Council which required a council-wide local plan by 2024.

## **9 MAKING OF BERE REGIS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

### Decisions

1. That the making of the Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan would not breach and is compatible with EU and human rights obligations.

2. That the Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan as submitted to and approved by referendum be made under section 38A(4) of the 2004 Act.

3. That with the agreement of Bere Regis Parish Council the Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan as made be modified by:

a. the replacement of the wording of Policy BR6 with that recommended by the examiner and approved by Purbeck District Council on 19 March 2019; and

b. the deletion of the proposed SANG from Map 5, as recommended by the examiner and approved by Purbeck District Council on 19 March 2019 (the extent of the SANG is shown elsewhere in the plan);

on the basis that such modifications do not materially affect the policies in the plan or are correcting errors of a type contemplated by section 61M(4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

### Reason for Decisions

National Planning Practice Guidance, Paragraph 641, states 'if the majority of those who vote in a referendum are in favour of the draft neighbourhood plan or Order (or, where there is also a business referendum, a majority vote in favour of both referendums), then the neighbourhood plan or Order must be made by the local planning authority within 8 weeks of the referendum'.

**10 MILBORNE ST ANDREW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2018 TO 2033 - INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT AND PROGRESS TO REFERENDUM**

Decisions

1. That the Milborne St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan 2018 to 2033, as modified (Appendix B to the report), proceed to referendum.
2. That a recommendation to make the Milborne St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan 2018 to 2033 be made to the next Cabinet meeting after the referendum if the result of the referendum is in support of making the plan and there are no other issues identified that would go against such a decision.

Reason for Decisions

To progress the Milborne St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan to referendum so that pending a favourable vote, the plan could be made part of the Development Plan for the Milborne St Andrew Neighbourhood Area.

**11 BROADWINDSOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT**

Decisions

1. That the Milborne St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan 2018 to 2033, as modified (Appendix B to the report), proceed to referendum.
2. That a recommendation to make the Milborne St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan 2018 to 2033 be made to the next Cabinet meeting after the referendum if the result of the referendum is in support of making the plan and there are no other issues identified that would go against such a decision.

Reason for Decisions

To progress the Milborne St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan to referendum so that pending a favourable vote, the plan could be made part of the Development Plan for the Milborne St Andrew Neighbourhood Area.