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**DECISIONS OF THE DORSET COUNCIL - CABINET
2 MARCH 2021**

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on 2 March 2012 and will come into force and may be implemented on 12 March 2021 unless the decision is called in for scrutiny.

In accordance with the council's constitution, any six members of the same relevant 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 **11 March 2021**.

The full call-in procedure is set out in the Constitution or for further information and advice please telephone Kate Critchel on 01305 252234

6 DORSET COUNCIL PLAN: QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Decision

- (a) That the progress against the Council Plan priorities as show in Appendix 1 of the report to Cabinet of 2 March 2021 be noted;
- (b) That the amended Council Plan performance monitoring framework as shown in appendix 2 of the report be agreed.

Reason for the decision

To ensure progress toward the Council Plan is measured and monitored.

7 DORSET HEATHLANDS INTERIM AIR QUALITY STRATEGY

Decision

- (a) That the Dorset Heathlands Interim Air Quality Strategy covering the period 2020-2025 be adopted;
- (b) That up to £187,000 be allocated from CIL to fund a project coordinator, delivery of projects and monitoring over a five year period.

Reason for the decision

An interim strategy is needed to allow the Council to continue granting planning permission for new development and facilitating growth. The proposed interim strategy will simplify the planning application process by removing the need for applicants to identify and implement bespoke mitigation projects, in most cases, to mitigate the air quality impact of developments upon the Dorset Heathlands. Work needs to begin immediately on identifying and implementing projects.

8 DORSET AND BCP JOINT LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Decision

That the commitment of resources within existing budgets be agreed, to take forward the revised Local Transport Plan, associated area transport strategies and other supporting strategies.

Reason for the decision

To seeking support to review and refresh the joint Local Transport Plan jointly with BCP to align with the emerging Local Plans. The new plan will steer the future transport strategy for Dorset and how we spend our £1.9M Local Transport Capital Block Funding allocation from DfT.

9 DORSET COUNCIL TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES - SERVICE REVIEW: CONSULTATION RESPONSES AND NEXT STEPS

Decision

- (a) That Dorset Council stops directly funding tourist information centres (TICs) in Dorchester, Sherborne and Wareham.
- (b) That Dorset Council continues to work with the Town Councils and/or other local services and will consider one-off support funding for suitable transitional arrangements to reduce the impact of the closure of the TIC on local people.
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services, in consultation with the Executive Director for Place, to agree any support payment arrangements.
- (d) That Dorset Council continues to promote Dorset as a visitor destination through its Visit Dorset website.

Reasons for the decision

- (a) TICs are a discretionary service and there is currently disparity across the council area. Dorset Council cannot afford to fund TICs across the whole of the Council area.
- (b) To support local alternatives, for example via Town Council, that may wish to facilitate transitional arrangements in place of TIC services.
- (c) To provide transitional funding, for example via Town Councils, that may wish to support alternative arrangements in place of TIC services.
- (d) To support the tourism sector to attract visitors to Dorset, particularly focussing on extending the tourism season.

10 YOUTH EXECUTIVE ADVISORY PANEL

Decision

- (a) That the findings set out in the report of 2 March 2021 be noted;
- (b) That the implementation of the recommendations of the Youth Executive Advisory Panel (EAP) be supported and endorsed.

Reason for the decision

The cross party EAP gathered information on the current youth offer and plans for its development to support the delivery of the council's plan.

11 PROCUREMENT FORWARD PLAN REPORT - OVER £500K (2021-2022)

Decision

That Cabinet agrees

- (a) To begin each of the procurement processes listed in Appendix 1 to the report.
- (b) That in each instance the further step of making any contract award be delegated to the relevant Portfolio Holder, in consultation with the relevant Executive Director.

Reason for the decision

Cabinet is required to approve all key decisions with financial consequences of £500k or more. It is also good governance to provide Cabinet with a summary of all proposed procurements prior to them formally commencing.

12 REVIEW OF REDUNDANCY MULTIPLIER AND EXIT PAY CAP UPDATE

Decision

- (a) That the current 1.75 redundancy multiplier be extended for a further 12 months. *This rate will be introduced for all employees.*
- (b) That a further review of the redundancy multiplier takes place towards the end of 2021, to ensure any agreement of a new rate of redundancy multiplier from 1 April 2022 takes into consideration any potential reintroduction of an Exit Pay Cap or reforms to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Reason for the decision

The impact of Covid-19 has seen some delays in progressing convergence activity across the council and which will result in employees being made redundant after 31st March 2021. If the council introduces a reduction to its level of redundancy multiplier this will result in employees in these areas being treated less favourably than those that have been included in reviews already taken forward.

13 JOINT ARCHIVES SERVICES: REVIEW: REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES

Decision

That the revised fees and charges as set out in the recommendations to the executive bodies of the two councils (n Appendices 1-2 of the report to the Joint Archives Advisory Board of 5 February 2021) be approved for implementation from 1 April 2021.

Reason for decision

To sustain the Joint Archives Service's budget and income levels through robust and benchmarked charging for services.

17 EXEMPT BUSINESS

That the press and the public were excluded for the following 2 item(s) in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

18 TRACKING AND SUPPORT SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING - OPTIONS APPRAISAL OF POTENTIAL MODELS FOR DELIVERY

- (a) That the development of an alternative, in house, service delivery

model for a post16 tracking and transition support service be approved. *This would include support for young people who are at risk of being not in education, employment or training (NEET) and re-engagement support for those who are NEET. This is currently provided via an information, advice and guidance service delivered by an externally commissioned voluntary and community sector provider.*

- (b) That the resources needed to deliver the service in line with statutory requirements from within Children's Services base budget be approved

Reason for the decision

To enable the council to meet its statutory requirements as set out in the report. Provision of resource for this service has been built into the proposed children's services base budget for 2021/22.

19 FORWARD FUNDING OF THE EASTERN LINK ROAD, WEST PARLEY

Decision

That the decision be deferred to a future meeting.

Reason for the decision

The item was deferred for further consideration.