

## **Dorset Council**

**Date:** Thursday, 14 April 2022  
**Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Venue:** Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

All members of Dorset Council are requested to attend this meeting of the Full Council.

**Chief Executive:** Matt Prosser, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ

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### **Agenda**

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**1. APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**2. MINUTES**

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2022.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To disclose any pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interests as set out in the adopted Code of Conduct. In making their decision councillors are asked to state the agenda item, the nature of the interest and any action they propose to take as part of their declaration.

If required, further advice should be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

#### **4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements from the Chairman of Council.

#### **5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

A period of 30 minutes is allocated to receive and respond to questions and statements on the business of the Council in the following order:

(a) Questions and statements from Town and Parish Councils;

(b) Questions and statements from those living or working in the Dorset Council area;

A person or organisation can ask either 2 questions, or 2 statements or 1 question and 1 statement at each meeting. No more than 3 minutes shall be allowed for any one question or statement to be asked/read.

**The full text of the question or statement must be received by 8.30am on 11 April 2022.**

Details of the Council's procedure rules can be found here  
[Procedure Rules](#)

#### **6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

A period of 15 minutes is allocated to receive and respond to petitions in accordance with the council's petitions scheme.

A period of 15 minutes is allocated to receive and respond to deputations in accordance with the council's constitution.

The petitions scheme and procedures relating to deputations can be viewed at:

[Council and Committee Procedure Rules.pdf \(dorsetcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

#### **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS FROM THE LEADER OF COUNCIL AND CABINET MEMBERS**

To receive any announcements and reports from the Leader of Council and members of the Cabinet.

#### **8. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

To receive questions submitted by councillors. **The deadline for receipt of questions is 8.30am on 11 April 2022.**

#### **9. APPOINTMENT OF HARBOUR COMMITTEE CO-OPTEEES**

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To consider a report by K Buchan, Head of Environment and Wellbeing.

**10. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS AND THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD** 41 - 46

To consider a recommendation from the Audit & Governance Committee of 11 April 2022. (to follow).

**11. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT DECISION** 47 - 50

To receive a report from the Executive Director Corporate Development (S151 Officer).

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

To consider the following Notice of Motion proposed by Cllr C Sutton and seconded by Cllr M Roe and supported by Cllrs L Fry, D Beer, A Canning, P Kimber, N Ireland, R Hughes, B Heatley, B Ezzard, J Orrell, K Wheller, A Starr, M Rennie, A Brenton, K Clayton, S Jones, D Tooke and H Legg.

At this council's meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February, the Leader was asked whether Dorset Council intends to play its part in addressing the climate crisis by prohibiting new attempts to exploit fossil fuel resources here in Dorset. Cllr Ray Bryan replied that: "Government has not revoked any of the petroleum exploration licences issued in Dorset or elsewhere, and National Planning Policy does not indicate that Mineral Planning Authorities should stop planning for oil and gas extraction. This means that we cannot simply prohibit all fossil fuel exploitation in the area but must consider each proposal on its merits".

Even if all the commitments made at COP26 in Glasgow last year are honoured, expert studies predict a rise of at least 2.7°C in global temperatures. Former Chief Scientific Advisor to the Government Professor Sir David King says, "What we do over the next three to four years [will] determine the future of humanity. We are in a very very desperate situation".

In this context, cross-party support for this motion would further underscore the commitment which Dorset Council has already shown to playing its part in protecting current and future Dorset residents, and those across the globe.

"The motion:

- Dorset Council will lobby national government urgently, strongly, at every opportunity and at all levels to revise the Minerals section of the National Planning Policy Framework to enable Dorset (and other) Planning Authorities to decline planning permissions on the grounds of climate impact alone if they so wish *and*
- Dorset Council will lobby the Local Government Association to do the same."

### **13. NOTICE OF MOTION**

To consider the following Notice of Motion proposed by Cllr S Flower and seconded by Cllr L O'Leary and supported by Cllrs C Jones, B Quayle, G Suttle, M Parkes, J Somper, T Ferrari, D Walsh, G Carr-Jones, P Harrison, R Adkins, C Lugg, R Cook, J Dunseith, S Jespersen and E Parker

To move that:

"1. Mindful of the current experience of global conflict and uncertainty, Dorset Council urges the Government to introduce an energy policy with the principal objective of securing permanent UK energy self-sufficiency from as early a date as possible, utilising whatever forms of energy generation sourced from within the UK are necessary to this end. The Council calls on the Government still to meet its declared 2050 net zero carbon target, through a continuous reduction in the reliance on fossil fuels and by strategies designed to alter present patterns of energy demand and consumption;

2. In the shorter term, the Council urges the Government to introduce flexibilities when considering the need for national energy self-sufficiency. This will recognise the serious, long lasting national security implications of the instability that accompanies the present but unavoidable need to import energy, and which is also a principal driver in the cost of living crisis now facing this country;

3. Dorset Council strongly recommends the Government to include in the forthcoming Planning White Paper a review of the Minerals section of the NPPF, in order that Planning Authorities may have due and proper regard to the implications of climate change;

4. The Council calls for the Local Government Association to reinforce the national case for changes that will enable Local Planning Authorities to have significantly greater influence in the determination of planning applications relating to the extraction of minerals in their areas."

### **14. URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any items of business which the Chairman has had prior notification and considers to be urgent pursuant to section 100B (4) b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The reason for the urgency shall be recorded in the minutes.

### **15. EXEMPT BUSINESS**

To move the exclusion of the press and the public for the following item in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the

meaning of paragraph x of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The public and the press will be asked to leave the meeting whilst the item of business is considered.

**There is no scheduled exempt business for this meeting**