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CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22 JUNE 2021

Present: Cllrs Spencer Flower (Chairman), Peter Wharf (Vice-Chairman), Graham Carr-Jones, Ray Bryan, Tony Ferrari, Laura Miller, Andrew Parry, Gary Suttle, Jill Haynes and David Walsh

Also present: Cllr Cherry Brooks, Cllr Simon Gibson, Cllr Nocturin Lacey-Clarke, Cllr Tony Alford, Cllr Jon Andrews, Cllr Pete Barrow, Cllr Shane Bartlett, Cllr Dave Bolwell, Cllr Susan Cocking, Cllr Jean Dunseith, Cllr Barry Goringe, Cllr David Gray, Cllr Matthew Hall, Cllr Brian Heatley, Cllr Ryan Holloway, Cllr Nick Ireland, Cllr Sherry Jespersen, Cllr Carole Jones, Cllr Paul Kimber, Cllr Rebecca Knox, Cllr David Morgan, Cllr Mike Parkes, Cllr Val Potheary, Cllr Mark Roberts, Cllr Andrew Starr, Cllr Roland Tarr, Cllr David Taylor, Cllr Gill Taylor, Cllr Daryl Turner, Cllr Kate Wheller and Cllr John Worth

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

Matt Prosser (Chief Executive), Aidan Dunn (Executive Director - Corporate Development S151), Jonathan Mair (Corporate Director - Legal & Democratic Service Monitoring Officer), John Sellgren (Executive Director, Place), Kate Critchel (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Vivienne Broadhurst (Interim Executive Director - People Adults), Theresa Leavy (Executive Director of People - Children), Karyn Punchard (Corporate Director for Place Services), James Ailward (Head of ICT Operations), Lesley Hutchinson (Corporate Director for Adults Commissioning), Sarah Cairns (Service Manager - Major Projects), Ed Gerry (Principal Planning Policy Team Leader), Jim McManus (Corporate Director - Finance and Commercial), Andrew Billany (Corporate Director of Housing, Dorset Council), Matt Reeks (Service Manager for Coast and Greenspace), Claire Shiels (Corporate Director - Commissioning, Quality & Partnerships), Sarah Jane Smedmor (Corporate Director - Care & Protection) and Vik Verma (Interim Director of Education and Learning)

WELCOME AND STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Leader of the Council welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that at the Annual Meeting of Council on 4 May 2021 it was agreed that all council meetings, that were not of an executive nature, would continue to be held virtually from 7 May 2021. As social distancing requirements were not lifted on 21 June 2021, Cabinet would also continue to meet virtually.

Members were advised that where a Cabinet decision was required, the appropriate Portfolio Holder would be the responsible individual to make the decision, whilst considering the views expressed by the wider Cabinet membership.

19. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest to report.

20. **Public Participation**

There were four questions/statements from the public. These questions were read out by Matt Prosser (Chief Executive) and Jonathan Mair (Corporate Director, Legal and Democratic Services) and responded to by the appropriate Portfolio Holder. A copy of the full questions and the detailed responses are set out in Appendix 1 these minutes.

21. **Questions from Councillors**

There were no questions from Councillors to report.

22. **Forward Plan**

The draft Cabinet Forward Plan for July 2021 was received and noted.

23. **Covid - 19 Response**

The Chairman presented a report which updated members on the council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. He highlighted aspects of the report in terms of costs, demand, PPE and the continuing Covid-19 response being provided to the community during the pandemic to date. This current position was received and noted.

Decision

- (a) That the continued Covid-19 emergency response be noted in relation to the organisational and incident recovery.
- (b) That the recovery plan be progressed as directed by the Local Resilience Forum, with input from the council's Overview Committees
- (c) That the Dorset Council Plan be reviewed and refreshed in light of the learning from Covid-19 and the revised aims of the council.

Reason for the decision

To ensure that Cabinet is able to lead and remain assured of the way that the response and recovery from Covid-19 is progressing and is able to respond effectively to the changing needs of Dorset residents during the Covid-19 pandemic.

24. **Finance report - Outturn 2020/21**

The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial & Capital Strategy presented a report on the outturn position for 2020/21.

The Portfolio Holder also set out his executive decision based on the report's recommendations. Cabinet give their "minded to" view and confirmed that their support for his decision.

Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial & Capital Strategy

- (a) That the draft, unaudited outturn position for 2020/21, be noted.
- (b) That the reserves strategy statement and repurposing of reserves set out in this paper be approved.

[Executive Decision - Finance report - Outturn 2020/21 - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for decision

At its Annual Meeting, Council decided to continue to meet virtually for all non-executive committees. The Leader of the Council also decided that Cabinet should continue to meet virtually until social distancing requirements had been removed. Therefore, the Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services has made this decision taking into account the views expressed by the wider cabinet membership.

Although this report does not seek formal approval from Cabinet for the reported outturn, the performance for the previous year is an important part of the financial management process as it marks the start of the medium-term financial planning (MTFP) and budget strategy process for 2022/23. In addition to reporting outturn, with the financial performance for the year materially complete, it is important for Cabinet to review the risks the organisation now faces and the areas where it wishes to make strategic investments and to repurpose and prioritise its reserves to facilitate these aims.

25. Dorset Council Plan: Quarter 4 Performance Update

The Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Change set out the quarter 4 performance update on the Dorset Council Plan covering the period January-March 2021. It also highlighted where performance has improved, where it had stayed the same, where it had declined, and why. Councillors would have an opportunity to look at the report in more detail at the appropriate Scrutiny, Overview and Audit and Governance Committees.

Decision

That the progress against the Council Plan priorities as shown in appendix 1, be received and noted.

Reason

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

26. **Dorset Care, Support, Housing and Community Safety Framework**

Cabinet considered a report on the Dorset Care, Support, Housing and Community Safety Framework. The Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health advised that the Council sought to provide high quality, personalised care and support services (taking a strengths-based approach) which focused on meeting the outcomes of those individuals using the services. Whilst ensuring they were also delivered and financed in a sustainable way.

To achieve this Dorset Council was seeking approval for a new Framework; this would act as a vehicle to procure a range of care and support, housing and community safety services.

Prior to the Portfolio Holder making her executive decision, Cabinet colleagues indicated that they were “minded to” support the proposed recommendation. The Portfolio Holder set out her executive decision in accordance with the recommendations set out in the report.

Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health

- (a) That the procurement process to establish the Framework as described in the report, be agreed.
- (b) That the next step of agreeing Service Lots within the Framework and any subsequent contract award following further competition procurement exercises / ‘call-down’ via the Framework shall be delegated to the Executive Director of People – Adults and Housing after consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health.

[Executive Decision Notice - Dorset Care, Support, Housing and Community Safety Framework - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for the decision

At its Annual Meeting, Council decided to continue to meet virtually for all non-executive committees. The Leader of the Council also decided that Cabinet should continue to meet virtually until social distancing requirements had been removed. Therefore, the Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services has made this decision taking into account the views expressed by the wider cabinet membership.

A new Framework is required as the current Dorset Care Framework for Older People expires on 30 November 2022 and the Dorset Care Framework for Learning Disabilities needs a refresh to include Mental Health provision. By putting in place one Framework for all service user groups there is greater clarity for the market. The aim is to have the Framework in place by the autumn of 2021.

The Framework will be established by utilising the flexibilities of what is the Light Touch Regime under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 which allows Public Sector Bodies, in terms of health and social care, to adapt / innovate procurement and contracting models to best meet the service requirements.

The Framework will be in place for up to 10 years and will enable providers to join at any time (as long as specific criteria is met) instead of fixed opening periods (as is the case with the existing Frameworks).

The proposed new Framework tool is key to delivery of flexible contracting with all sectors of the provider market, including micro enterprises.

Feedback from existing providers is that our current Framework is difficult to enter primarily because it only facilitates new agencies joining at set times. The proposed new Framework will address this issue as it will be open.

The proposed new Framework is a timely as it will offer several opportunities to innovate the care and support market to better meet key legislative, Corporate and Directorate priorities.

27. **Arne, Blandford+, Chickerell, Milton Abbas, Portland, Puddletown and Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plan**

The Portfolio Holder for Planning set out the report seeking to formally make the following neighbourhood plans of Arne, Blandford+, Chickerell, Milton Abbas, Portland, Puddletown and Shaftesbury. Each neighbourhood plan was subject to independent examination and a referendum on 6 May 2021. All areas voted in favour of the plans being made. The Portfolio Holder took the opportunity to congratulate those involved in preparing the plans and the members of each of the Neighbourhood Plan Groups in producing successful neighbourhood plans.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning presented his executive decision based on the recommendations of the report. Cabinet confirmed that they supported his decision.

Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Planning

- (a) That the Council makes the Arne Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2018 – 2034 (as set out in Appendix A of the report to Cabinet on 22 June 2021) part of the statutory development plan for the Arne Neighbourhood Area.
- (b) That the Council makes the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan 2011 – 2033 (as set out in Appendix B of the report) part of the statutory development plan for the Blandford + Neighbourhood Area.
- (c) That the Council agrees to make a small number of minor modifications to the made Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan 2011-2033 in order to correct errors relating to the Green Infrastructure Policies Map and the Local Green Space Inset Maps in connection with Badbury Heights Open Spaces and The Trailway. The updated maps are set out in Appendix C of the report.
- (d) That the Council makes the Chickerell Town Neighbourhood Plan 2019 – 2036 (as set out in appendix D of the report) part of the statutory development plan for the Chickerell Neighbourhood Area.
- (e) That the Council agrees to make a minor modification to the made Chickerell Town Neighbourhood Plan 2019 – 2036 in order to correct an error relating to the labels on May 3 (page 10 of the plan). The updated map is set out in Appendix E of the report)

- (f) That the Council makes the Milton Abbas Neighbourhood Development Plan 2019 – 2031 (as set out in Appendix F of the report) part of the statutory development plan for the Milton Abbas Neighbourhood Area.
- (g) That the Council makes the Portland Neighbourhood Plan 2017 – 2031 (as set out in Appendix G of the report) part of the statutory development plan for the Portland Neighbourhood Area.
- (h) That the Council makes the Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan 2019 – 2031 (as set out in appendix H of the report) part of the statutory development plan for the Puddletown Neighbourhood Area.
- (i) That the Council makes the Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plan 2019 – 2031 (as set out in Appendix I) part of the statutory development plan for the Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Area.
- (j) That the Council offers its congratulations to the Town and Parish Councils involved and members of each of the Neighbourhood Plan Groups in producing successful neighbourhood plans.

[Executive Decision Notice - Arne, Blandford +, Chickerell, Milton Abbas, Portland, Puddletown and Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plans - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for the decision

At its Annual Meeting, Council decided to continue to meet virtually for all non-executive committees. The Leader of the Council also decided that Cabinet should continue to meet virtually until social distancing requirements had been removed. Therefore, the Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services has made this decision taking into account the views expressed by the wider cabinet membership.

To formally make the neighbourhood plan part of the statutory development plan for the areas that they cover. Furthermore, to correct errors relating to the maps in the Blandford + and Chickerell Neighbourhood Plan. In addition, to recognise the significant amount of work undertaken by the Town and Parish Councils involved and members of each of the Neighbourhood Plan Groups in preparing the plans and to congratulate the Councils and Groups on their success.

28. Low Carbon Dorset Grant Payments over £5000,000

This report was deferred to the next meeting of Cabinet in July.

29. Weymouth Harbour and Esplanade Flood and Coastal Risk Management Strategic Outline Case

The Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Property presented a report that sought agreement to the Weymouth Harbour and Esplanade Flood and Coastal Risk Management Strategic Outline Case for submission to the

Environment Agency's Large Project Review Group. It also sought authorisation to develop the Outline Business Case towards deliverable schemes for inclusion in Dorset Council's future capital programme.

In response to a question, the Portfolio Holder confirmed that the impact of sea level rise was an issue that needed to be monitored in all the Council's coastal areas; this was an ongoing programme of work.

The Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Property presented his executive decision as set out within the recommendations of the report. Cabinet agreed that they were "minded to" support his decision.

Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Property

- (a) That the Weymouth Harbour and Esplanade Flood and Coastal Risk Management Strategic Outline Case (Appendix 1), be agreed, for submission to the Environment Agency's Large Project Review Group.
- (b) That officers develop the Outline Business Case towards deliverable schemes for inclusion in Dorset Council's future capital programme.
- (c) That the use of existing capital budget to deliver Outline Business Case be approved.

[Executive Decision Notice - Weymouth Harbour & Esplanade Flood and Coastal Risk Management Strategic Outline Case - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for the decision

At its Annual Meeting, Council decided to continue to meet virtually for all non-executive committees. The Leader of the Council also decided that Cabinet should continue to meet virtually until social distancing requirements had been removed. Therefore, the Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services has made this decision taking into account the views expressed by the wider cabinet membership.

Weymouth Town Centre and parts of the surrounding area are at risk of flooding and coastal erosion. With a projected acceleration in sea level rise and more intense weather events because of climate change, the problems facing Weymouth will increase significantly.

30. Recommendations from Committees

Cabinet considered the following recommendations set out in min no's 31 & 32.

The Executive Director for Place advised that he had attended the informal meeting of Place and Resources Overview Committee on 1 June 2021, where the committee discussed the following two items and expressed a "minded to" view to adopt the policies.

He confirmed that he had listened to the overview committee debate in respect of items “Management of Council Owned Tree Policy” and “Street Naming and Numbering Policy” and he recommended that the policies be adopted.

31. **Management of Council Owned Tree Policy**

The Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment set out the report and its recommendation to approve the policy for the Management of Council owned Tree’s. Cabinet were advised that the policy built upon and combined existing tree policies from the predecessor district and county authorities, and had been written with input and advice from the Health and Safety Executive reflecting the legal obligations of Dorset Council to manage its Tree stock.

In response to questions about consultation and replacement trees being planted on County Farms. The Portfolio Holder confirmed that town and parish councils were continually consulted. He also confirmed that he was working closely with County Farms in respect of tree replacement. However, it was important to plant the right tree in the right place.

Cabinet indicated their “minded to” view to support and the Portfolio Holder set out his executive decision to approve the policy.

Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel, and Environment

That the content of the Management of Council Owned Tree’s Policy be approved.

[Executive Decision Notice - Management of Council Owned Trees - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for the decision

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Dorset Council owns and is responsible for approx. 250,000 trees which will be managed against this Policy. The Policy builds upon and combines existing tree policies from the predecessor district and county authorities, and has been written with input and advice from the Health and Safety Executive reflecting the legal obligations of Dorset Council to manage its Tree stock e.g. Occupiers Liability Act 1984 and Highways Act 1980.

32. **Street Naming and Numbering Policy**

The Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Change presented a report that was considered by the Place and Resources Overview Committee on 1 June 2021. The proposal to adopt a single Street Naming and Numbering Policy for

Dorset Council would replace the current documents in place from predecessor councils. A harmonised approach was recommended to ensure a consistent approach across Dorset Council. This would also help reduce the risk of any legal challenge.

The Portfolio Holder set out his executive decision to adopt the policy and Cabinet indicated that their “minded to” view was to support his decision.

Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Change

That the Street Naming and numbering Policy be adopted.

[Executive Decision Notice - Street Naming and Numbering Policy - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for decision

At its Annual Meeting, Council decided to continue to meet virtually for all non-executive committees. The Leader of the Council also decided that Cabinet should continue to meet virtually until social distancing requirements had been removed. Therefore, the Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services has made this decision taking into account the views expressed by the wider cabinet membership.

The recommended options provides the opportunity for harmonisation, cost and administration efficiencies and reduced risk.

33. Cabinet member update on policy development matter referred to an Overview Committee(s) for consideration

There were no referrals to report.

34. Portfolio Holder - Lead member(s) Update Summary

The Portfolio Holder update summaries were attached to these minutes as Appendix 2.

The Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health advised on: -

- the work of the Joint Health Scrutiny Protocol
- the Better Life Stakeholder Advisory Group – co-production agreement
- Involvement in emergency surge testing briefings
- Work was being carried out to improve integrated better care fund to make the self-referral process more effective.
- Cabinet Lead member was investigating technology enabled care with more details to follow.

The Cabinet Lead member for Care reported on the Carers Workshop and the Carers Offer. He also reported on Day opportunities and advised the engagement work was ongoing.

35. **Climate & Ecological Emergency Executive Advisory Panel Update**

The Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment updated members on the progress of the Climate & Ecological Strategy & Action Plan that would be considered by Full Council on 15 July 2021. If adopted further work would then start to be progressed.

36. **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items considered at the meeting.

37. **Exempt Business**

It was proposed by Cllr P Wharf and seconded by Cllr G Carr-Jones

Decision

That the press and the public be excluded for the following 3 item(s) in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 4 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

38. **Learning Disability and Mental Health Non Framework Contracts**

Cabinet considered a report set out by the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health and indicated their “minded to” view to support the recommendations following the discussion and debate.

Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health

That Dorset Council go out to market to tender a commission for supported living, residential, respite and domiciliary provision for adults with learning disabilities, thereby giving notice on a key contract which is currently non-compliant

[Executive Decision - Learning Disability and Mental Health Non Framework Contracts - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for decision

At its Annual Meeting, Council decided to continue to meet virtually for all non-executive committees. The Leader of the Council also decided that Cabinet should continue to meet virtually until social distancing requirements had been removed. Therefore, the Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services has made this decision taking into account the views expressed by the wider cabinet membership.

To ensure a purchasing and contracting system to enable a range of specialist learning disability providers to offer care and support at agree rates.

39. **Exempt Appendix - Covid-19 Response**

The exempt appendix associated with the report "Covid-19 Response" was made available to Cabinet. However, Cabinet did not need to move into exempt business to discuss the confidential appendix.

Appendix 1 Public Participation Q&A's

Appendix 2 Portfolio Holder - Lead member(s) Update Summary

Duration of meeting: 10.00 - 11.38 am

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Cabinet of 22 June 2021

Public Questions

1. Question from Linda Poulsen

Preamble – DO13

Historic England's consultation response letter (15/03/2021) to draft Local Plan, specifically DOR 13 & the implications of LUC's HIA:

"Historic England has reserved its position ... we consider that further work is needed in response to the Heritage Impact Assessment's conclusions ... [the work to] include *an options appraisal for the routing of the link road ... taking into account the HIA's recommendations on the position of the southernmost boundary and the layout, height and design of development including the use of strategic landscaping, sightlines and key verified views.*" (My italics)

Question:

When will Historic England's "strongly recommended" Heritage Topic Paper, particularly the options appraisal for the routing of the link road, be available to the public?

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Planning

Further work is currently being carried out by the site promoters and we expect it to be in the public domain by the time of the 'publication' stage of plan preparation.

2. Question from Linda Poulsen

Preamble – DOR13

In 2018 Wessex Water confirmed that a significant part of DOR 13 lies within a groundwater source protection zone:

"This development represents a risk to Eagle Lodge Source both from a water quality and a recharge perspective."

The Environment Agency also expressed concerns & jointly with Wessex Water advised Dorset Council that:

"A hydrological risk assessment should be undertaken which must demonstrate that the proposal (including construction phase) poses either no risk to groundwater and the aquifer(s) feeding the water source or that any risk can be successfully mitigated."

In addition to concerns about Dorchester's water supply, Dorset Council also required further information about sewerage & flooding.

Question:

When will the Hydrological Risk Assessment, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment & documentation regarding sewerage be available to the public?

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Planning

A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the whole plan area is being commissioned, and further hydrological work is being undertaken by the site promoters of the North of Dorchester site. We expect these all to be in the public domain by the time of the publication stage of plan preparation.

3. Questions from Mike Allen

I would like to ask the Cabinet to express their view of the importance and future of Dorset's Green Belt, and whether it aligns with Government policy.

The recent White Paper, "Planning for the Future" (p28) states the Government's view. Let me summarise:

- *The existing policy for protecting the Green Belt should remain (para 2.26).*
- *The (standard method) methodology does not **yet** adjust for land constraints, including Green Belt (para 2.29), but we're considering how to do this.*
- *The requirement for housing arising from the standard method should have regard to practical limitations such as the Green Belt (para 2.25).*

Clearly the Government do not intend the standard method to be a justification for releasing green spaces from the Green Belt for development. Instead they regard the Green Belt to be a constraint on development and a limitation on local housing target numbers.

Giving evidence to Parliament's Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee, which reported recently, the Minister said that: "...we can achieve our building ambitions **without encroaching** on important green spaces that we know communities, yours and mine, feel very strongly about." (Q156)

The policy in Dorset recently appears to be opposite to this. The Council's draft Local Plan sees the standard method's housing target, and consequential development, as a limitation on the future of the Green Belt. The Council apparently has taken the view (so far) that the future extent of the green spaces in the Green Belt are to be constrained by the standard method, not the other way round.

Is the Cabinet fully aware of their marked divergence from Government policy on this?

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Planning

The local plan has followed national policy as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework. This allows green belt boundaries to be changed in exceptional circumstances through the preparation or review of a local plan.

4. Questions from Gerald Duke

According to a recent Position Paper on the Local Plan submitted to the March 25th committee of the Place and Resource Scrutiny Committee, "Members will be asked to approve the 'publication' version of the plan in the autumn."

Question:

Which Council body, bodies or committees will be asked to approve the 'publication' version of the plan or will all members have an opportunity to determine it?

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Planning

A revised local development scheme (work programme) will be brought to Cabinet in July, proposing that the publication stage will now be in spring 2022 rather than autumn 2021. The publication plan will be brought to Cabinet and full Council for approval.

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PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO:¹

Adult Social Care & Health

CABINET DATE:²

22 June 2021

KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE
THE LAST REPORT:³

Discussions on a joint health scrutiny protocol if required – taken to PHSC

A Better Life Stakeholder Advisory Group- co-production agreement with partners and day opportunities work

Carers workshop with PHSC members – how do we improve/highlight our offer

Performance away day with ASC SLT focussing on Demand – Cost - Strategy

Emergency surge testing briefings, festival and large event safety briefings with Public Health colleagues

Site visit with Inspired Villages – learning about their supported living offer

Lead member specifics; Simon Gibson

- Leading on day opportunities work. The main focus at the minute is on engagement and follows on from a successful members webinar. The engagement team have several new themed areas that will allow users of day services to have their say. As lead member, I have been meeting with Town and Parish Councils and day centre staff to discuss how to improve day

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opportunities and have just launched a questionnaire for Dorset Councillors.

- Carers strategy. Work is now underway to look at Dorset Councils carers strategy and offer to carers. This has had a positive start with a workshop with the Overview Committee. I have meetings planned for the next few weeks with Care Support Dorset and our carer lead stakeholder group.
- Supporting Laura on the Tricuro Executive Stakeholder Board as well as attending the A Better Life (ABL) Stakeholder advisory group and the Better Days delivery board. Weekly Commissioning team meetings and regular financial management meetings.
- Since joining the Adult Social Care team, we have started holding regular surgeries for Councillors, staff and the public. The take up has been extremely high, particularly with staff.

DELEGATED DECISIONS MADE:⁴

none

ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES/MILESTONES FOR NEXT PERIOD:⁵

ICS discussions continue – particularly with regard to more equitable funding splits

Embedding joint safeguarding chair and arrangements

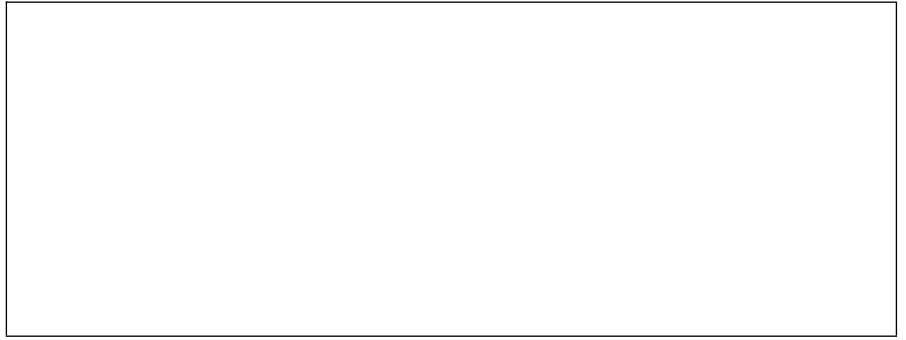
Finance peer review – focus on ASC&H budget and efficiency transformation

Stakeholder Advisory Group for A Better Life workshops

Cross directorate engagement on ‘front door’ to our care services

⁴ Enter details of any delegated decisions made since the last meeting

⁵ Provide details of key activities, project milestones or significant meetings anticipated in the next period



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PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO:¹

Children, Education, Skills & Early Help

CABINET DATE:²

22.6.2021

KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST REPORT:³

Cabinet Member visit to Verwood Youth Club. Thank you to the Staff, Volunteers and Young People for their warm welcome.

Very pleased to be able to meet with Gillingham Cllrs to discuss local Children Services matters. Our next Cluster meeting will be later this week with Cllr's in the Verwood & East Dorset area.

Cllr Parry met with the Mike Bennett, the new CEO of the Dorset Youth Association and welcomed him into his new role.

Thanks must go to all Cllrs who attending the Safeguarding & Corporate Parenting training session, we hope you found it beneficial.

Cllr Parry met with the David Sidwick, the newly elected Dorset PCC, to discuss joint working and priorities for Children & Young People.

The Strategic Alliance for Children & Young People (Chaired by Cllr Wharf), proved to be a great opportunity for Cllr Somper to raise progress on developing our own policy based upon the "Pause Project".

DELEGATED DECISIONS MADE:⁴

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³ Provide details of the meetings attended, key activities, project milestones or significant meetings anticipated in the next period. We may be about to start approaching the end of the Summer Term, but there is still much to do, including both the Strategic Alliance & Dorset Education Conferences.

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PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO: ¹	Customer and Community Services
CABINET DATE: ²	22 nd June 2021
KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST REPORT: ³	Visit to St Marys school DAPTC meeting of Towns and Larger Parishes DAPTC Executive Libraries strategy steering group Discussions with Superintendent Lynne re Weymouth PSPO Roll out of new vehicles and rounds in N Dorset Helplines for Towns and parishes and Dorset Councillors New Taxi licensing policy New Grants policy Meeting regarding Wareham depot performance Informal Cabinet Visit to Dorchester Museum Performance management Review of numbers in registration offices for weddings Visit from Nigel Huddleston minister for sport, heritage and tourism Continuing work on new HRC's in both Blandford and E Dorset

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DELEGATED DECISIONS
MADE:⁴

Only those agreed at the last Cabinet due to Covid restrictions

ANTICIPATED
ACTIVITIES/MILESTONES
FOR NEXT PERIOD:⁵

Continued work on route optimisation for domestic waste whole DC area
Work with Active Dorset and HWBB regarding use of leisure facilities and green space
Tenders for information and advice and working with voluntary and community sector
Internal review of waste strategies including assisted collections, replacement bins and street cleansing. If changes needed to go to Overview
Work on Dorset wide renewal of PSPO's

⁴ Enter details of any delegated decisions made since the last meeting

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PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO:¹

HIGHWAYS, TRAVEL, ENVIRONMENT.

CABINET DATE:²

22nd June 2021

KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST REPORT:³

Regular weekly meetings with Highways to talk through Operational Group discussions.
 Attended Highways Asset, Risk and Programming Board (HARP)
 Met with Marc Reddy from First Bus and met his new CEO (know to me in my previous life)
 Site visit with Cllr Kirby met with team from Southern Gas and made connection with their leader on Climate Change (Hydrogen Gas).
 Attended weekly parking review meetings to finalise proposals to go out to stakeholders.
 Transforming Cities Fund board meeting discussing plans for the future. Cllr Parkes sits on the board with me.
 Monthly meeting with John Sellgren to discuss future strategies.
 Met with Gypsy and traveller's team to obtain updates as to what is happening.
 Site visit with Cllr Miller and Michael Tomlinson MP to Leigh Rd TCF works.
 Met with BBC to discuss letter to minister regarding the reduction in trains from Weymouth to Waterloo.
 Visited Weymouth and met with Ken Buchan and Jamie to discuss future plans for the harbour.
 Fortnightly Decarbonisation updates given by Jason.
 Met with Leader and CEX to discuss concerns re screening of football meaning closure of Custom House Quay.
 Attended BCP & DC Joint Strategic Planning & Transport.
 Visited Cobbs Quay (Poole) to see how other harbour work and get ideas re fees and funding.
 Monthly update meetings with Karen Punchard
 Monthly update meetings with Matthew Piles
 Hedge to edge meeting to discuss how to improve our cutting of grass and the collection of the waste.
 Monthly meeting of Leadership Performance
 Ministerial Visit with minister for tourism.
 Meeting with stakeholders on PSPO'S

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DELEGATED DECISIONS
MADE:⁴

Several traffic regulation orders completed.
One referred to local Cllrs for further input.
One Executive decision HI1215 Abbotsbury Road
Weymouth,

ANTICIPATED
ACTIVITIES/MILESTONES
FOR NEXT PERIOD:⁵

Climate Change strategy & Action Plan goes before Full
Council. Once approved we can speed up our plans to get to
carbon zero 2040 or earlier.
Public transport plan Better Buses to be continued.
Parking review to go to stakeholders for input.
Hedge to verge action plan to be formed.
New plans for the harbours to be discussed.
School transport.

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PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO:¹

Housing and Community Safety

CABINET DATE:²

22 June 2021

KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE
THE LAST REPORT:³

- The main strategic focus has been around developing two strands of our emerging Housing Strategy. The Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy is due at Cabinet on 27 July 2021 after a thorough set of discussions through Overview Committee and Public Consultation. Work to develop an overarching Housing Strategy, setting out a strong and compelling direction for Housing in Dorset, will feature strongly in the coming year.
- The latest round of 'Rough Sleeper Accommodation Programme' funding is about to be made public and I hope to be able to share good news about the coming year's grant.
- The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 came into force on 29th April 2021 and places new statutory duties on the Council. The Council already works closely with partners to tackle issues of domestic abuse but is now legally required to conduct a needs assessment and have a strategy relating to support in domestic abuse safe accommodation, and establish a Partnership Board that can help advise and guide the Council in its new duties. It is proposed that the Community Safety Partnership takes on that role, and this will be discussed at their 23 June meeting.

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DELEGATED DECISIONS
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None

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FOR NEXT PERIOD:⁵

- Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy – Cabinet 27 July 2021
- Discussions to scope and launch the early stages of the Housing Strategy and delivery plan – drawing in other Portfolios to make this fit well across the range of the Council's Plan.

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PORTFOLIO: ¹	Planning
CABINET DATE: ²	22 nd June 2021
KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST REPORT: ³	Please see Planning update Webinar 17 th June 2021 for full briefing Hayley Caves: Recording of Local Plan Briefing posted in Member Services / Learning and development at 18 June 2021 10:57:15
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