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DECISIONS OF THE CABINET 7 DECEMBER 2021

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on 7 December 2021 and will come into force and may be implemented on 16 December 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 **15 December 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

5 SEND CAPITAL STRATEGY: EXPANSION OF BEAUCROFT SCHOOL

Decision

That from September 2022, Beaucroft Special School increase its funded capacity by an additional 80 places.

Reason for the decision

The decision follows from the meeting of Cabinet on Tuesday 27 July 2021, relating to the use of old Wimborne First School site to provide additional capacity to Beaucroft Special School as part of Dorset Council's SEND Strategy – see Appendix 1 for the report.

[Decision - SEND Capital Strategy: Expansion of Beaucroft School - Statutory Consultation Outcome - Dorset Council](#)

6 ANNUAL ADOPTION REPORT

Decision

Cabinet noted the progress and performance of Aspire Adoption Agency.

Reason for noting the report

Aspire Adoption is a registered Adoption Agency. Adoption agencies are subject to the Adoption Agencies Regulations (AAR) 2005 (updated 2011) and the Adoption Agencies (Panel and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2012; Adoption Agencies (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2013 and are subject to the National Minimum Standards (2014) which accompany the Regulations. Standard 25.6 of the National Minimum Standards requires the Adoption Agency to produce a report to be received by the agency Executive.

8 HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE (HRC) VEHICLE ACCESS POLICY

Decision

That the following changes to the Household Recycling Centre (HRC) Vehicle Access Policy:-

- (a) That sole vehicle visits are limited to 12 visits per year, this is currently unlimited. Sole vehicles are when there is only one vehicle belonging to a household and this vehicle requires a permit. This vehicle cannot be commercially registered, or sign written.
- (b) That weekend access for limited entry permits is allowed and increase visits to six per year. Limited entry permits are defined by the policy for where there is more than one vehicle belonging to a household or the vehicle is commercially registered, or sign written. Currently only three visits are permitted.
- (c) That dual crew cab, 'pick up' type vehicles are added to in the 'needs a permit' list

- (d) That an annual declaration for permit renewal is required rather than automatic renewal of all permits

It is anticipated that these changes will be implemented from 1 April 2022 after appropriate communication with residents.

Reason for the decision

Evidence provided from public consultation and officer assessment had identified that the existing vehicle access policy requires refinement. The amendments sought to provide a fairer approach to accessing HRCs by legitimate users to deposit their household waste alongside limiting the potential for trade waste abuse.

[Decision - Household Recycling Centre \(HRC Vehicle Access Policy\) - Dorset Council](#)

9 FUTURE REVENUES & BENEFITS SERVICE PROVISION FOR DORSET COUNCIL

Decision

- (a) That Dorset Council makes the necessary arrangements to leave the Stour Valley & Poole Partnership (SVPP) and bring these services in-house to be delivered by an expanded Dorset Council Revenues & Benefits Team as set out in the business case attached at appendix 3 of the report;
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Corporate Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy, to implement recommendation (a) above, including authority to give notice to terminate the Council's involvement in the Stour Valley and Poole Partnership;
- (c) That the Place and Resources Overview Committee be asked to support the Portfolio Holder in identifying service development and transformational opportunities as a result of integrating the service into Dorset Council
- (d) That the Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee be asked to review the Council's success in achieving the benefits of both integration and further service development and transformation.

Reason for the decision

The creation of a single revenues and benefits service for Dorset Council will provide a better level of customer service for Dorset Council residents, with a single process and contact details, making it easier, clearer and more accessible for people to pay council tax and make benefits claims. As such, it is the best strategic fit for Dorset Council.

[Decision - The future of revenues and benefits services at Dorset Council - Dorset Council](#)

10 SOUTH WALKS HOUSE - OPTIONS FOR FUTURE USE

Decision

- (a) That Dorset Council grant a 20-year lease to Dorset National Health Service (NHS) institutions for use of South Walks House for clinical and office use on terms to be agreed by the Executive Director for Place in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Property.
- (b) Note that the governing boards of the various NHS institutions planning to move into South Walks House will be making their decisions in February and March 2022.
- (c) That officers should immediately commence discussions to proceed with the second-ranked option should the NHS institutions decide not to proceed with the lease or are unable to come to a decision by the 31 March 2022.

Reason for the decision

The investigation into and analysis of options for the future use on South Walks House has been detailed and exhaustive. This has involved taking advice from specialist consultant firms on each of the options considered and assessing and ranking the options to establish which one would be the most financially advantageous to the Council after also taking into consideration the Page 105 Agenda Item 11 wider economic and social benefits of the recommended option. It is believed that the proposed use by the NHS for a combination of clinical and office purposes, which provides a central and easily accessible location for the NHS, allows it to widen its service provision for Dorset's residents, whilst providing the best financial return to the Council.

[Decision - South Walks House - Options Future Use - Dorset Council](#)

11 PARK HOME FEES POLICY

Decision

- (a) That the adoption of the Park Home Fees Policy attached at Appendix 1 to the report to Licensing Committee of 17 November 202, be approved.
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Housing and Community Safety in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Customer and Community Services to:
 - (i) make minor amendments to the policy to comply with changes in legislation or to reflect increases or decreases in the cost of administering the functions described in the policy.

Reason for the decision

The Council is required by law to adopt and publish a park home fees policy under the Mobile Homes Act 2013. In addition, The Mobile Homes (Requirement for Manager of Site to be Fit and Proper Person) (England) Regulations 2020 require the Council to have a published fees policy regarding registration to a Fit and Proper Person Register.

[Decision - Park Home Fees Policy - Dorset Council](#)

16 EXEMPT BUSINESS

It was proposed by Cllr P Wharf seconded by Cllr L Miller

Decision

That the press and the public be excluded for the following item 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).

17 WEYMOUTH BOWL ACQUISITION

Decision

That the recommendations, as set out in the exempt report to Cabinet of 7 December 2021, be approved.

[Decision - Weymouth Bowl - Acquisition - Dorset Council](#)