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CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 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 Jane Somper, Cllr Emma Parker, Cllr Jon Andrews, Cllr Les Fry, Cllr Andrew Starr, Cllr Matthew Hall, Cllr Rob Hughes, Cllr Sherry Jespersen, Cllr Stella Jones, Cllr Rebecca Knox, Cllr Mike Parkes, Cllr Molly Rennie, Cllr David Taylor, Cllr David Tooke, Cllr Tony Alford, Cllr Barry Goringe, Cllr Brian Heatley, Cllr Paul Kimber, Cllr Val Potheary, Cllr Jean Dunseith, Cllr Shane Bartlett, Cllr Simon Christopher, Cllr Beryl Ezzard, Cllr Nick Ireland, Cllr David Morgan, Cllr Gill Taylor and Cllr Kate Wheller

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), Andrew Billany (Corporate Director of Housing, Dorset Council), Jim McManus (Corporate Director - Finance and Commercial), Sarah Jane Smedmor (Corporate Director - Care & Protection), Ade Adebayo (Interim Service Lead Assets and Property), Richard Conway (Service Manager for Housing Standards), Lisa Cotton (Head of Customer Services, Libraries & Archives), Ian Manley (Contracts Team Leader), Matthew Piles (Corporate Director - Economic Growth and Infrastructure), Karyn Punchard (Corporate Director for Place Services) and Vik Verma (Interim Director of Education and Learning)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed all present and advised that virtual meetings were continuing.

Where a decision was required, the appropriate Portfolio Holder would make that decision after taking into account the views expressed by the wider Cabinet membership.

20. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest to report.

21. **Public Participation**

There were 2 questions/statements from the public. These questions were read out by Matt Prosser, Chief Executive and responded to by the appropriate Portfolio Holder. A copy of the full questions and the detailed responses are set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

22. Questions from Councillors

There were no questions received from Councillors.

23. Forward Plan

The draft Cabinet Forward Plan for January 2022 was received and noted.

24. SEND Capital Strategy: Expansion of Beaucroft School

The Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills and Early Help set out the report that sought agreement for the Beaucroft Special School to increase its funded capacity by an additional 80 places in September 2022.

Cabinet members indicated their “minded to” view to support for the recommendation.

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 item 51 (Cabinet Tuesday 27th 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.

25. Annual Adoption Report

The Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills and Early help presented the Aspire Adoption Agency Annual report. The report had also be considered by People and Health Scrutiny on 8 June 2021 and had been written to ensure and provide the Council with an opportunity to satisfy itself that the requirements of the Statutory Adoption Guidance 2013 and the Adoption Minimum Standards 2014 were met.

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.

26. **Ofsted Feedback**

The Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills and Early Help reported on the recent Ofsted report for children services which confirmed overall that Dorset Council's Children's Services were of a "good quality and were continuing to improve" and that the council had delivered an impressive pace and effectiveness of change, in the context of a pandemic and Local Government reorganisation.

Ofsted gave the following judgement:

- The impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families – Outstanding
- The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection - Good
- The experiences and progress of children in care and care leavers - Good
- Overall effectiveness – Good

Whilst this judgement was welcome and should be celebrated there was still much work to do, in particular in the area of "Oversight of arrangements when care leavers move in and out of emergency or temporary accommodation". The Portfolio Holder confirmed that he would be working with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety to address these issues going forward.

From an operational point of view, the Executive Director for People (Children's) advised that the report highlighted that Dorset Council had a clear understanding of the needs for Dorset families and this should be celebrated. However, she touched on recent events relating to the death of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes, stating the importance for the service to reflect on this tragedy as part of continued development of the service. The Executive Director also took the opportunity to welcome councillors continued support in the service.

Members welcomed the report and expressed the importance of celebrating this work. This showed that the formation of effective policies helped to transform the lives of children, young people, and support families in the area of Dorset.

Decision

Cabinet noted Ofsted's published report of the recent Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services in Dorset and the next steps.

Reason for noting the report

To ensure Cabinet are briefed on the outcome of this inspection and the planned next steps.

27. **Household Recycling Centre (HRC) Vehicle Access Policy**

Cabinet considered a report that outlined proposed amendments to the current Household Recycling Centre (HRC) Vehicle Access Policy.

The Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services advised that the cross-party Place and Resources Overview Committee considered the report on the 19 October 2021 and their recommendations were acknowledged within the report and added to the report's recommendation.

In response to questions, members were reminded that this policy review was about vehicle types using the facilities not the type of waste that could be disposed of on these sites. In respect to the request from Place and Resources Overview committee regarding support for town and parish councils, the Portfolio Holder informed members that this matter was outside of the report's scope, but she would be happy to discuss this further with the councillor concerned outside of the meeting.

The Cabinet membership indicated that they were "minded to" support the report's recommendations and the Portfolio Holder made the following decision.

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](#)

28. **Future Revenues & Benefits Service provision for Dorset Council**

The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy introduced a report which set out proposals for the future arrangements of the revenues and benefits service for the residents in the Dorset Council area. Following consideration of the various options, the report recommended the creation of a single revenues and benefits service for Dorset Council, to provide a better level of customer service to residents.

The Portfolio Holder advised that this proposal was not reflection on the service that had been provided by Stour Valley and Poole Partnership or the in-house provision for the areas of Purbeck, West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland; but it was now time to review this administrative arrangement and to take advantage of control and flexibility, improving the customer experience for Dorset residents that an in-house service would provide.

A short film recording was shared with members setting out the vision for future customer services.

In response to questions relating to severance costs, the portfolio Holder advised that it was possible that there would be some cost involved, however the savings would be recovered in just over a 2-year period. He also indicated that there would be costs involved if Dorset Council continued to work within partnership.

The Vice-Chairman of Place and Resources Overview Committee advised that the committee members had considered the proposal at its meeting on 10 November 2021 and they were completely supportive of the recommendations before Cabinet.

In presenting the report's recommendations, the Portfolio Holder advised that he wished to strengthen the proposals and the involvement of the overview and scrutiny committees in terms of review, development and transformation.

Cabinet members supported the proposals and indicated a "minded to" view to support the recommendation.

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.

29. South Walks House - Options for Future Use

The Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Property advised that Cabinet had agreed an office strategy for Dorchester at its meeting on 6 April 2021, this included the principle of consolidating most of the Council's office requirements. In respect of South Walks House, Cabinet had requested that in addition to seeking planning permission for residential use, further exploration and investigation of alternative uses be undertaken. This report recommended that South Walks House should be leased to the NHS organisations that were proposing to use it to expand clinical capacity in Dorset. In addition to the direct health benefits this additional capacity brings, the economic impacts would also contribute to general well-being of the community.

Members noted that the proposal was subject to various NHS governing boards making a decision to proceed in February and March of 2022; if these NHS institutions decided not to continue with the lease, officers should proceed with the second-rank option as an alternative.

As a ward member for the South Walks House site, Cllr L Fry spoke in support of the proposal and hoped it was successfully progress.

Cabinet members indicated their "minded to" view to support for the recommendations as set out in the report.

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](#)

30. **Park Home Fees Policy**

The Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services set out the recommendation from the Corporate Director for Housing following consideration of the policy by Licensing Committee and their "minded to" recommendation.

Cabinet members indicated their "minded to" view to support for the adoption of the 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](#)

31. **Cabinet member update on policy development matters referred to an Overview Committee(s) for consideration**

There were no referrals to report.

32. **Portfolio Holder - Lead Member (s) Update Summary**

The Portfolio Holder summaries were attached to these minutes as Appendix 2. Cllr L Miller and Cllr D Walsh updated members on activities in their areas. More details were set out within their individual reports.

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

The Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment updated the committee on the Climate Change projects:

- In process of appointing the new Corporate Director responsible for Climate Change
- The decarbonisation of council assets was on-going
- Low Carbon Dorset was working hard on low carbon projects

34. **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items considered at the meeting.

35. **Exempt Business**

It was proposed by Cllr P Wharf and 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).

The MS Teams Live Event ended.

36. **Weymouth Bowl Acquisition**

The Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Property presented a report on in respect of Weymouth Bowl. Cabinet members considered the exempt report and gave a “minded to” view to support the report’s recommendations.

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](#)

37. Future Revenues & Benefits Service provision for Dorset Council

The exempt appendix associated with the report 'Future Revenues & Benefits Service provision for Dorset Council' had been made available to members of the committee, however, the committee did not move into exempt business in order to discuss the information at the meeting.

38. South Walks House - Options for Future Use

The exempt appendices associated with the report 'South Walks House – Options for Future Use' had been made available to members of the committee, however, the committee did not move into exempt business in order to discuss the information at the meeting.

Appendix 1 Public Participation (Q&A's)
Appendix 3 Portfolio Holder reports

Duration of meeting: 10.00 - 11.50 am

Chairman

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Public Questions – Cabinet 7 December 2021

Questions from Mike Allen

Question 1 - Local Plan effective community engagement

The new Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, appearing before the Housing Communities & Local Government Select Committee recently, spoke of future planning priorities:

- Net zero
- Thoughtful local plans which have maximum community buy-in
- A role for the community ultimately in determining what is right

The NPPF para 16 specifies that “Plans should ... be shaped by early, proportionate and effective engagement between plan-makers and communities ...”

Thousands of people in Dorset responded to the draft Local Plan, the majority in disagreement (a sample of 3,000 responses shows 75% disagreement). Many are concerned about housing not being required to be net-zero in use. Many don't buy-in to the need to build so many homes on greenfield sites near where they live. Many are concerned that the new homes won't be truly affordable for those on lower wages.

What assurance can the Cabinet offer Local Plan respondents that their concerns will really shape the next draft of the Plan, making the consultation truly effective? Examples would be welcome of how the next iteration of the Plan might change as a result of effective community engagement.

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Planning:

We had a very good response to the local plan consultation, and the comments made will be vital in shaping the plan in future. Alongside them, however, we also need to consider the importance of providing enough housing to meet the needs of the economy and community in future, and doing so within the environmental and viability constraints that exist.

Question 2 - Out-of-date housing targets and building in the Green Belt

The new Secretary of State for Levelling Up Housing & Communities has suggested recently at a Parliamentary Committee that there is leeway for local authorities in meeting Government housing targets when constraints such as AONB and Green Belt are present, and that the Planning Inspectorate should show more reasonableness in this. He thought also that the underlying assumptions in the housing targets are probably out of date.

Despite its population actually falling recently (ONS 2018-19), BCP currently has an out-of-date and excessive Government housing target of over 2700 homes per year. Constrained

by the sea and its Green Belt, BCP may require Dorset Council to help by planning thousands of those homes in their area instead. Would it not be more reasonable to think that both Dorset and BCP are constrained and both should accept the offer of leeway in their housing targets, so that no new estates need to be built in the Green Belt or other protected land?

Response for the Portfolio Holder for Planning:

Firstly, should anything in Government policy around housing numbers change during the preparation of the plan, we will be able to take that into account and make changes before it is adopted.

In the meantime, we are working closely with BCP Council as they consider the appropriate level of housing for their plan area and whether they are likely to have unmet need. We will take account of their latest evidence in preparing our plan.



PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO:¹

Tony Ferrari

CABINET DATE:²

7 December 2021

KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST REPORT:³

Achievement since the last Cabinet

- Phase 2 of the Battlelab approaches completion, project will be delivered on budget, a solid achievement in the current volatile building environment.
- The Dorset LEP have agreed a Memorandum of Understanding to contribute their retained Business Rates to future investments in the Innovation Park. The first Quadrant of business units is almost full. The intention is to use capital receipts from previous park plot sales, Dorset Council's retained Business Rates and the LEP's contribution to help fund the development of the site's infrastructure. A second set of business units, an amenity hub and a new gatehouse are the priorities currently under consideration.

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ACTIVITIES/MILESTONES
FOR NEXT PERIOD:⁵

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PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO: ¹	Corporate Development and Transformation
CABINET DATE: ²	7th December 2021
KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST REPORT: ³	Informal Cabinet Transformation Board & Performance Management Meeting Budget Café 2 Corporate service show Various meeting on Hybrid working/meetings Interviews for Corp Director Property, Strategy & Assets. Staffing Committee Update on Dorset Council one set of T's and C's Visit to Battle lab 19 further meeting on matters to do with portfolio
DELEGATED DECISIONS MADE: ⁴	None

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Review of Performance Management process as next steps for the council to include benchmarking on both performance and financial spend

Continued work on time-line for transformation bids process and whole council vision for 3, 5 & 8 years. Review of transformation bid monitoring

Planning stage of enabling community's strategy

Further information on Gigabit roll out and funding

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PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO:¹

Customer & Community Services

CABINET DATE:²

7th December 2021

KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE THE
LAST REPORT:³

Working Together – first joint webinar with Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils – libraries special

DAPTC AGM – attended and spoke about how we engage and communicate better

DAPTC quarterly meeting

Budget Café session

Work with Customer Services colleagues to enhance support available for both officers and members dealing with unreasonable behaviours

Discussions around Weymouth Museum – storage and aims

Visited Records Management Service – plans for digitisation in pipeline and plans for the future

Work continues in meeting the challenges around Waste Services

Stronger Neighbourhoods – local members sessions

Met with stakeholders; QE management for leisure services

Ongoing engagement with stakeholders and larger community groups on library strategy, filming press releases and comms

Community Asset Transfer process – shaping training for T&PCs and community organisations – how to apply

Air Quality draft plan out to consultation

Ferndown North visit

Corfe Mullen library visit

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<p>Review of the Recycle for Dorset policy One-off transition funding for Wareham Tourist Information HRC Vehicle Access Policy</p>
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<p>ASB PSPO to Overview & Resources – Feb 22</p> <p>Web training session for members on dealing with unreasonable complainants</p> <p>Let’s Talk Libraries consultation finishes and results crunched</p> <p>Draft Air Quality plan to PROC for debate</p>
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PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO:¹

Children, Education, Skills & Early Help

CABINET DATE:²

7.12.2021

KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE
THE LAST REPORT:³

Ofsted report published 19.11.21. (More on this matter as an agenda item) but included an all Children's Services presentation.
Cllr Parry visited Cerne Abbas First School at the request of Cllr Jill Haynes & Catherine Cresswell (Headteacher).
Cllr Parry Visit to Stalbridge Primary School at the request of Cllr Graham Carr-Jones & Simon Elledge (Headteacher).
Cllrs Childrens Service's briefing, Delivering Locally.
Cllr Parry & Quayle accompanied Michael Tomlinson MP, on his visit to Beaucroft School.
On-site meeting and interview with BBC & Coombe House School.
Termly meeting of the joint Skills & Learning Board.
Staffing Committee, interim appointment of Vik Verma.

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Appointment of Chair for Centre of Excellence.

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PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO:¹

Planning

CABINET DATE:²

7th December 2021

KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE
THE LAST REPORT:³

I wrote in my October update, that we hoped to clear the validation backlog in all areas by the end of December. Well I have excellent news for you because we cleared the validation backlog on the 18th November. I would like to thank everyone across all the departments for their hard work to achieve this. The backlog baton however has now been passed to the Planning application teams and as with validation we will put every resource into clearing that as soon as possible.

We have completed the planning software convergence of all legacy district planning systems, including development management, conservation/trees, building control and local land charges. Only the former county council system remains to be completed early next year.

We have now launched our Transformation stage

Our Building Control service is performing at an extremely high level, and is well regarded by the development industry, reflected in the latest figures which show a market share of 70% of work in the area. The team also partners a number of organisations such as the RNLI for plan inspection work.

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PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO:¹

Cllr Ray Bryan
Highways, Travel and Environment

CABINET DATE:²

7th December 2021

KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE
THE LAST REPORT:³

Dorset Travel Transformation Steering Group update, looking at all aspects of the required transformation for public transport.

Highways Asset, Risk and Programming Board looked at future needs affecting highways whilst facing a reduced financial support from DFT.

Low carbon Dorset Programme Board continuing to provide support to small and medium business's as well as community organisations.

Decarbonisation Scheme Oversight Board. Working towards to deadline of March 2022 and now looking at extra projects as costs allow.

Discussions on Weymouth Town Centre transport options, working on new and exciting proposals for the Weymouth area.

Meeting to Discuss safety of Shaftsbury High Street Market.

ANOB Board meeting. This is a very important partner as we strive to protect Dorset areas special character.

Strategic Harbour Board meeting

Dorset Strategic Road Safety Partnership meeting.

Presentation to Councillors re Budget for year 2022/23.

Transforming Cities Fund update meeting. Looking at future areas whilst taking into account the letter from Baroness Vere which states that transformation is required to obtain future funding from Government. Providing alternative methods of transport for short distances is not an option.

Update by Highways on Hanson Contract. A detailed report is to be submitted to members and press release issued.

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Various Traffic Regulation Order

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Working with teams looking at ways we can continue to improve the services we provide. We are entering a very difficult period of winter maintenance. Teams are on standby to ensure safe travel throughout Dorset.
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