



Place and Resources Overview Committee

Date: Tuesday, 23 January 2024
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum: 3)

Carole Jones (Chairman), Les Fry (Vice-Chairman), Tony Alford, Toni Coombs, Ryan Hope, Sherry Jespersen, Val Potheary, Maria Roe, Andrew Starr and Roland Tarr

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	To receive any apologies for absence.	
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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 disclosure 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.	

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4. CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

To receive any updates from the Chairman of the Place and Resources Overview Committee.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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To receive questions submitted by councillors.

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7. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER POLICY REVIEW 23 - 46

To consider a report of the Service Manager Business Operations.

8. PLACE AND RESOURCES OVERVIEW COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 47 - 58

To review the Place and Resources Overview Committee Work Programme.

To review the Cabinet Forward Plan.

9. 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.

10. 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 are no exempt items scheduled for this meeting.

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PLACE AND RESOURCES OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER 2023

Present: Cllrs Carole Jones (Chairman), Les Fry (Vice-Chairman), Toni Coombs, Ryan Hope, Val Potheary, Maria Roe and Roland Tarr

Apologies: Cllrs Tony Alford and Sherry Jespersen

Also present: Cllr Belinda Bawden

Also present remotely: Cllr Laura Beddow and Cllr Ray Bryan

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

Jonathan Mair (Director of Legal and Democratic and Monitoring Officer), Janet Moore (Service Manager for Environmental Protection), Graham Duggan (Head of Community & Public Protection), Jane Williams (Environmental Protection Team Leader), Lindsey Watson (Senior Democratic Services Officer) and Joshua Kennedy (Apprentice Democratic Services Officer)

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

Anna Eastgate (Corporate Director - Place Services)

27. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

28. Declarations of interest

C Jones, L Fry, M Roe and R Hope each indicated that in respect of agenda item 7 'Report on the findings from the Public Consultation for the Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order and draft Order', as a dog owner and following advice from the Monitoring Officer, they had been granted a dispensation, to allow them to take part in discussion and voting on the item.

L Beddow noted that she was not a member of the committee but indicated that in respect of agenda item 7 'Report on the findings from the Public Consultation for the Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order and draft Order', as a dog owner and following advice from the Monitoring Officer, she had been granted a dispensation in relation to the item.

The Monitoring Officer confirmed that each of the councillors making a declaration had received a dispensation for when the item had been considered by the committee previously (June 2023) and that the dispensation extended for the duration of the current Council term.

29. **Chairman's Update**

There were no updates from the Chairman on this occasion.

30. **Public Participation**

Questions and statements had been submitted from members of the public. A copy of the questions and statements submitted and the responses to questions provided, are set out at Appendix 1.

31. **Questions from Councillors**

Questions were received from B Bawden. The questions asked and responses provided are set out at Appendix 2.

In addition to the response provided to question 2, the Service Manager Environmental Protection noted the decision not to break down the statistics to show responses from residents and visitors and been made with the guidance of the consultation team and to simplify the process. A request had been made as to whether this information could be provided but was not available to date.

In addition it was noted that Lyme Regis was currently the only area with a winter restriction on beaches and that in harmonising this, it would be easier for people to understand.

32. **Report on the findings from the Public Consultation for the Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order and draft Order**

The committee considered a report of the Service Manager Environmental Protection, which summarised the findings from a Dog-related Public Spaces Protection Order public consultation undertaken between June and August 2023. Informed by the consultation, it proposed the new draft Dog-related Public Spaces Protection Order 2024 (PSPO) which would replace the existing PSPO. The report outlined the provisions for the Council area for a period of 3 years from 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2026. The committee was invited to consider the matters within the report, make any comments on the draft Order and recommend the draft Order to Cabinet at their meeting on 7 November 2023.

The committee discussed the recommendations (provisions) contained within the report in turn.

Recommendation to Cabinet (including comments where relevant)

That the draft Dog-related Public Spaces Protection Order be approved with comments and recommendations made as follows:

1.2 Proposed Provisions - generic provisions

1.2.1 **Clearance of dog fouling and appropriate disposal from public open spaces.** Page 7 of the consultation report and the proposed open spaces

listed in Schedule 1 of the draft Order. This received almost universal support (99% 2023), (97% 2020).

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.2.2 **Maximum lead length of 2m where required**, page 7 and the areas are listed in Schedule 3 of the draft Order. This received significant support (82% 2023), (75% 2020). There was some commentary suggesting that it should be considered on a site-by-site basis. A consistent approach is recommended as variations could be considerable and confusing to the public.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.2.3 **Dogs on lead as directed by an authorised officer, maximum lead length 2m**, page 8. This received almost universal support (96% 2023), (92% 2020).

Recommended for inclusion.

1.3 **Proposed Provisions - dogs on leads, generic locations**

- 1.3.1 **Municipal cemeteries, church and graveyards**, where dogs are permitted, page 9. Received almost universal support (91% 2023), (85% 2020)

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.3.2 **Public formal gardens**, page 10. Received significant support (80% 2023), (65% 2020). Some commentary was received on providing zoned areas and allowing off lead in part, however given the number of locations, this was considered a potentially confusing measure for the public and would require significant additional signage.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.3.3 **Council owned allotments where permitted**, page 11. Received significant support (75% 2023), (65% 2020).

It was noted that all town and parish councils had the opportunity to comment through the public consultation.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.3.4 **Council owned car parks**, page 12. Received significant support (92% 2023), (85% 2020)

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.3.5 **Within 5m of marked sports pitches**, page 13. Received significant support (80% 2023), (70% 2020). There was some commentary about adopting a non-blanket approach - considering the restriction only when the pitch is being used for sport. However, the risk of residual dog fouling near to the pitch remains a concern.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.4 **Proposed Provisions - dogs on leads, specific locations.** Page 14 of the consultation report.

- 1.4.1 **Rodwell Trail, Weymouth.** A well-used urban cycle and footway connecting the outlying wards to Weymouth town. The responses were divided, 48% were in favour, 24% favoured no restriction and 28% didn't know. The majority were in favour of continuing the restriction. Dog owners were less supportive of dogs being on a lead but 52% of residents responding were in favour of retention. DCN, Cycling UK and West Dorset commented on a cleaner and safer space since the introduction of the requirement to keep dogs on lead. This is a very popular location, and the Order should reflect the necessity to reduce the risk of fouling to as low as possible.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.4.2 **West Bay Harbour side and Esplanades.** Received majority support (61% 2023), (67% 2020). No significant theme identified in open text commentary.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.4.3 **Lyme Regis pathways etc. adjacent to the Front/Town Beach.** Received majority support (63% 2023), (68% 2020). No significant theme identified in open text commentary.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.4.4 **Weymouth Esplanade.** Received majority support (67% 2023), (77% 2020). No significant theme identified in open text commentary.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.4.5 **Swanage.** The Parade and adjacent roads leading to the Beach. Received majority support (60% 2023), (75% 2020). No significant theme identified in open text commentary.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.4.6 **Studland. Access to Knoll Beach and Middle Beach from the car park, including the car park and staircases.** Received majority support (57%

2023), (60% 2020). No responses were received from Studland Town Council.

Clarification was provided on the areas covered by the provision. It was noted that it was difficult to identify these areas on a map.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.4.7 **Studland beaches** are managed by the National Trust on behalf of Natural England. As agents of the land, they have requested that all of the Studland beaches are dogs on lead restricted. The consultation restricted the questions to just Shell Bay beach and Knoll Beach, to enable an area of these beaches to be restriction free in the summer months.

For Shell Bay beach (1st May to 30th September) the responses were divided, 49% in favour, in favour of no restriction 33% and 18% don't know. The majority was therefore in favour the retain the restriction. The opinion of dog-owners vs non-dog owners was stark. An overwhelming 84% of non-dog owners and only 30% of dog owners wanted the restriction retained.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.4.8 **Studland Beach known as Knoll Beach** (not including Middle Beach), (1st May to 30th September) The responses were the same as Studland Shell Beach above. This enables enforcement of the restricted beaches in the summer months to run from the entrance on Knoll beach by the National Trust Centre up to the ferry.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.4.9 **Studland – Ferry Road, from Studland Beach car park to South Coast end marker, Shell beach National Trust Car Park and access routes to Shell Beach.** Received majority support (57% 2023).

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.4.10 **Charmouth, Lower Sea Lane Car Parks and surrounding areas leading to the Beach.** Received majority support (56% 2023), (64% 2020).

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.5 **Proposed Provisions - dog exclusion areas, generic. Page 24 of the consultation report.**

- 1.5.1 **Recreation areas, including skateboard parks, tennis and basketball courts, bowling and putting greens, enclosed play parks, sporting or recreational facilities and athletics tracks.** Received majority support (64% 2023), (55% 2020)

Enforcement issues were considered and it was noted that a media campaign would be run following adoption of the Order. In addition it was noted that work could be undertaken with town and parish councils to authorise their officers to serve fixed penalty notices and provide training.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.5.2 **Marked Sports Pitches.** Received majority support (60% 2023). Restrictions to apply only when in use or during the playing season received only limited support.

Concern was expressed about the lack of signage and enforcement relating to dog exclusion zones on marked sports pitches and suggestions made that grounds staff could be trained to deal with issues in their area and separate areas identified for dog exercise. The Head of Community and Public Protection noted that these comments could be taken on board. Specific issues relating to Potterne Park and Lyme Regis could be discussed with the relevant ward councillors.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.6 **Proposed Provisions – generic beach restrictions – Page 27 of the consultation document. (Maps are produced to support the Order by clearly delineating areas where restrictions apply).**

- 1.6.1 **Fixed time period for summer restriction.** Continuing the fixed period of 1 May to 30 September for relevant Beach restrictions received majority support (51%).

Of those that did not support this time period (32%), 71% wanted the beaches without restriction between 19:00 and 08:00. BCP Council do not allow dogs on beaches at any time during the exclusion period so in retaining our restriction we have consistency across Dorset. There is potential for increased incidence of residual fouling and encroachment into the exclusion period.

A request was made for consideration to be given to allowing dogs on the beach during specific times in the summer period due to the economic benefits of dog walkers coming to Weymouth to use the beach. The Head of Community and Public Protection confirmed that this had been reviewed but it was felt to add complexity to the restrictions which could have an impact on the ability to enforce. However, this could be kept under review and considered during the next renewal process.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.7 **Proposed Provisions - specific beach locations**

- 1.7.1 **Swanage, Central Beach.** Received majority support (76% 2023), (60% 2020). No significant theme identified in open text commentary. Swanage Town Council had general concerns about dog fouling within the Town.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.7.2 **Lyme Regis, Front/Town Beach, summer restriction.** Received majority support (53% 2023), (47% 2020).

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.7.3 **Lyme Regis, Front Town Beach winter restriction (1 October to the 30 April) requirement to keep dogs on lead.** Did not receive majority support with 46% in favour of maintaining the restriction and 54% in favour of no restriction. (40% and 58% respectively 2020). Lyme Regis Town Council wanted an option for an extended exclusion period. In setting the parameters for the consultation, this was not seen as a proportionate choice.

Officers are concerned that there is limited suitable alternative space to exercise a dog off lead during the winter months. Officers have considered adjacent beaches and found them unsuitable as they are either slippery or unstable underfoot for those with mobility issues. No open green spaces are available without climbing a gradient.

There is no evidence of significant use of this beach area by families and children compared with other beaches in Dorset without restrictions, nor increased level of subsequent risk from dog attacks or fouling contamination.

The committee considered the provision and during discussion the following points were raised:

- The Service Manager Environmental Protection noted an error with the response figures from the consultation for the provision and that there was a greater level of support for having no restriction
- A level of support was expressed for the views of Lyme Regis Town Council that dogs should not be allowed off lead
- The consultation had been open to all and there was no indication that there had been a campaign to skew the results
- A point was made that councillors should adhere to the results of the public consultation
- The consultation was a worthwhile exercise to help shape officer recommendations. However, as the margin of support was tight in this case, the committee could follow the officer recommendation but ask for a review after one year
- B Bawden, ward councillor, spoke in support of the requirement to keep dogs on lead, outlined some concerns she had with the consultation and assumptions made and made a request for residents and visitors to be identified in the responses.

Committee members considered their views on the provision and there was a level of support for both including the provision and also not including the provision.

Following discussion it was proposed by V Potheary seconded by R Tarr that the provision in the Order relating to Lyme Regis, Front Town Beach winter restriction (1 October to the 30 April) requirement to keep dogs on lead, be Recommended for inclusion in the Order.

On being put to the vote it was Agreed.

Recommended for inclusion

Note – Officer recommendation was ‘Not recommended for inclusion’

- 1.7.4 **Chideock, Seatown Beach.** No overall majority with 50% for and 50% against, the same as 2020. No representation made from the Wraxall Estate, the landowner. This is a long stretch of beach and zoning was suggested by a limited amount of people.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.7.5 **West Bay - East Beach and West Beach.** Received majority support (59% 2023). No significant theme identified in open text commentary.

Recommended for Inclusion.

- 1.7.6 **Charmouth, West beach.** The responses were divided with 51% in favour of the restriction and 49% wanting no restriction. The commentary was also divided in terms of support.

Recommended for inclusion.

- 1.7.7 **Weymouth, Central (except exercise area at the Pavilion end) and Greenhill Beaches.** Received Majority support (67% 2023), (59% 2020). Some limited commentary on the current location of the beach exercise area and relocating to the Greenhill end.

Recommended for Inclusion.

The committee thanked officers for the report.

In addition, a comment was made to recognise the pressures that the service was under, with four dog wardens covering the whole Council area and for Cabinet to consider during the budget setting process, whether additional budget was available for enforcement of the PSPO. The need for awareness raising and education in this area was also recognised.

33. **Place and Resources Overview Committee Work Programme**

Councillors noted the committee's work programme. The timing for the item relating to fixed penalty notices would be clarified following the meeting. In addition, councillors noted the Cabinet Forward Plan.

A review of policies was to be undertaken and prioritised for review by the committee.

34. **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

35. **Exempt Business**

There was no exempt business.

APPENDIX 1 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Agenda item 5 – Public Participation

Questions received

1. Question from Councillor David Sarson on behalf of Lyme Regis Town Councillors

Response from Lyme Regis Town Councillors to the proposed removal of the restriction to have dogs on leads on Lyme Regis Front Town Beach in winter

Lyme Regis town councillors would like to make the strongest possible objection to this proposal which is against our recommendation. We ask Dorset Councillors to reconsider this decision.

The officer's recommendation prioritises the desire of a relatively small number of dog owners to exercise their dogs off-lead in winter on the front beaches over the need of the families of Lyme Regis and our visitors. The small sandy beach and the pebble front beach are the safe areas in Lyme for young children, the elderly and others wanting to dig and play on the beach, and paddle and swim in the water, without fear of being knocked over or frightened by dogs or finding dog excrement and urine polluting the sand, pebbles and water.

The front beaches are used for these leisure purposes throughout the year.

As a Town Council we receive regular complaints about the behaviour of dogs and their owners in the town and on the beach. In particular **people complain about dogs being out of control and frightening and aggressive to young children and older people.** In the light of recent dog attacks in the national and local news, it seems absurd to be removing the on-lead restriction given that most local people voted for a total ban all year round for the front beaches in 2020. At the time,

Dorset Council's PSPO to allow dogs on the beach on leads in the winter months seemed a sensible compromise.

Off leads dogs enjoy racing and playing with others and can become very boisterous. They also go into the sea where owners often throw large stones and objects for them to chase.

Lyme's town front beaches are well populated by families all year and are not appropriate for this.

There are two major considerations:

1. **The physical safety of people** (especially small children and older people)

2. **The other is the possibility of infection as faeces and urine are deposited on the beach**

Often it is claimed that faeces and urine will wash into the sea but the top halves of the two man-made front beaches are not reached by high tide so will never be washed clean by the sea.

The Town Council has a responsibility to deliver the best possible care to the people of Lyme and their friends and family, as well as ensuring a good tourist experience.

Given that the officer recommendation goes against the strong view of the town council and ward member, if agreed, will Dorset Council pick up the responsibility for cleaning the beaches and the public liability should any beach goer be attacked, injured or worse, by dogs off lead on our busy front beaches?

2. Question from Councillor Brian Larcombe

Lyme Regis' front beach is not an appropriate place to allow dogs to run out of control off a lead. - To do so is unhealthy and unsafe. While there may be other adjacent places east and west, even north, which may provide alternative areas, - whatever the area I would strongly advocate that dogs must ways be held under proper control. - Sadly, there have been recent and growing numbers of well-publicised incidents and some fatalities across the UK when dogs have been allowed off-lead and out of control.

Question: Over half the land area of the front beach over which LRTC has expressed its view that dogs should at least be kept under proper control on a lead, is pebbles and is non-tidal. This obviously means the dog mess left by dog owners is impossible to pick up and remove, and is not washed away by the sea, - the tide doesn't reach anywhere near this hugely used public beach area. Winter and Spring seasonal weather and seas produces steep slopes at the front edges of the pebble beach and sand which is unsafe for those with less mobility, and regularly has to be significantly re-profiled to make them safe. Once off the lead the dogs are effectively out of control and we've had complaints of dog nuisance and their bounding upon adults and children, attacking other dogs, and even urinating on people's clothes and possessions on the sand and pebble beach areas. - **If** Dorset council grants permission for this, what is Dorset council going to

do to remove the mess; what is Dorset going to do to directly manage the distress and nuisance factor and all related complaints, - and importantly the full liability for any and all unfortunate incidents as a direct consequence of their (Dorset council's) decision? - Obviously, the consequences, full obligation and liability will be Dorset council's *if* it grants permission for off-lead, out of control dogs, against the advice and view, the local awareness, and the first-hand knowledge and experience LRTC has of the area concerned. - No one wants to say as a consequence, and in the light of any serious event, 'we told you so' but LRTC cannot be held liable for a decision Dorset makes, against its advice and on its land.

Response to both questions from the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities

Thank you for your questions Councillor Sarson and Larcombe.

Given that the officer recommendation goes against the strong view of the town council and ward member, if agreed, will Dorset Council pick up the responsibility for cleaning the beaches and the public liability should any beach goer be attacked, injured or worse, by dogs off lead on our busy front beaches?

Over half the land area of the front beach over which LRTC has expressed its view that dogs should at least be kept under proper control on a lead, is pebbles and is non-tidal. This obviously means the dog mess left by dog owners is impossible to pick up and remove, and is not washed away by the sea, - the tide doesn't reach anywhere near this hugely used public beach area. Winter and Spring seasonal weather and seas produces steep slopes at the front edges of the pebble beach and sand which is unsafe for those with less mobility, and regularly has to be significantly re-profiled to make them safe. Once off the lead the dogs are effectively out of control and we've had complaints of dog nuisance and their bounding upon adults and children, attacking other dogs, and even urinating on people's clothes and possessions on the sand and pebble beach areas. - If Dorset council grants permission for this, what is Dorset council going to do to remove the mess; what is Dorset going to do to directly manage the distress and nuisance factor and all related complaints, - and importantly the full liability for any and all unfortunate incidents as a direct consequence of their (Dorset council's) decision? - Obviously, the consequences, full obligation and liability will be Dorset council's if it grants permission for off-lead, out of control dogs, against the advice and view, the local awareness, and the first-hand knowledge and experience LRTC has of the area concerned. - No one wants to say as a consequence, and in the light of any serious event, 'we told you so' but LRTC cannot be held liable for a decision Dorset makes, against its advice and on its land.

As described in the report, the recommendation for the winter restriction to be removed is based on the findings from the public consultation; a lack of evidence to substantiate the need to impose this provision; providing more consistency across the Council; and a concern about access for those with impaired mobility.

Unfortunately, an error was made in the report. The correct figure for 'no winter restriction' in the 2020 public consultation should read 49%. So, with 54% in favour of no restriction this year, there is more support for no winter restriction.

A question relating to an all-year-round ban was not given as an option in the 2020 public consultation.

Allowing a dog to foul without proper removal is an offence under the Order. Both the Town Council and Dorset Council officers are authorised to serve fixed penalty notices should an offence be witnessed.

Dorset Council is the 'principal litter authority' for the area by virtue of provisions in the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and has the responsibility of clearing litter, which includes dog faeces. The Lyme Regis Town Council website already acknowledges this on its 'Waste and Recycling' page and directs users to the Dorset Council website. The introduction of the new PSPO will not change this.

Dogs must not be allowed to be 'dangerously out of control' in a public place, which means injuring someone or making someone fear they may be injured. This applies to any breed or type of dog. Owners (or the person in charge of the dog at the time) who allow a dog to hurt a person or other dog may be prosecuted and disqualified from owning a dog. Penalties are also available in situations where a dog is allowed to be dangerously out of control and a person is in fear of being injured even without any injury occurring.

Liability for any injury will rest with the owner/person in charge of the dog. Victims of dog attacks can claim compensation if the dog owner is found to have been negligent, which includes the inability to control their dog.

The Town Council is reminded that variations to the Order can be made if significant concerns about public safety arise.

Statements received

1. Statement from Mrs Cynthia Sharp

Re: views on the recommendation to remove the Dogs on Leads restriction for the Lyme Regis front beaches during the winter months

As an older (mid-70's) resident of Lyme Regis, I am extremely concerned about the possibility of dogs being allowed off leads on the sandy beach in the winter months.

I already witness many dogs along the seafront completely ignoring their owners pleas not to jump up, even though they are on leads, and on more than one occasion I have been almost knocked over as I pass them.

My balance is not good and, especially in the colder months, the sandy beach is one place where I can walk safely, alone or with my peers, as pebbles are difficult for me.

I recently saw one young mother yelling at her children as they were scrabbling about on the pebbles in the exact spot where a dog had deposited a dropping just minutes beforehand. Though it was picked up, the surrounding pebbles were wet and of course contaminated with the remains of the faeces.

The sandy beach is known as a safe space locally, and, particularly when the tide is in, there is just not enough space for families, people like myself and loose dogs to enjoy themselves.

I met a local single friend recently who had ended up in hospital after falling on a beach not far from Lyme due to a large dog leaping up at her. She was off work for several weeks and was badly affected mentally. I am very afraid this may happen to me.

There are so many other places to exercise dogs in Lyme including along the River Lym to Uplyme, along Ware cliffs, on Monmouth beach and on Timber Hill.

Please may we keep a few spaces for older residents, many with small grandchildren, where dogs are under control.

2. Statement from Councillor Caroline Aldridge

Recommendation 1.7.3 Lyme Regis Front Town Beach – proposed change in arrangements to allow dogs off leads 1 October to 30 April.

I strongly object to this decision and request that it is reviewed on the grounds that a relatively small number of dogs and their owners have been prioritised over the health, safety and wellbeing of the people of Lyme (and their visitors), many with young children and vulnerable relatives who use this small, sandy beach throughout the year to play in the sand and swim. This is the only sandy beach in Lyme.

I challenge the statement at para 1.1.9 that there was a good representation of respondent dog owners and non-dog owners as para 1.1.13 states that two thirds of responses were from dog owners. PDSA statistics from 2023 state that 29% of UK adults were dog owners. Statistics from the Animal and Plant Health Agency (2016-2019 being most recent statistics) show 25% of households owning a dog. That same agency has 2023 post code information for Lyme Regis (DT7) showing 0.22 dogs per household. It is incorrect to say that a survey where 62% of respondents were dog owners is representative of the local population.

It is untrue that there is limited suitable alternative space to exercise a dog off lead on the flat during the winter months. There is a flat river walk from the sea front to Uplyme through suitable fields and also flat walking from Holmbeach car park out to the land by Ware cliffs.

On what evidence is the statement made “ there is no evidence of significant use of this beach by families and children compared with other beaches in Dorset....” ? Families use it regularly in winter because it is quieter than in summer. Those with

young children and vulnerable elderly relatives go then because it is accessible and safe – dogs being allowed to race and play among them in that small area will destroy that opportunity for many families as they will fear being knocked over, attacked or pollution from the beach and sea being used as a dog lavatory.

As Chair of LRTC Tourism Committee, and latterly Town Management Committee, I have seen many complaints about poorly controlled dogs being aggressive, knocking people over and sometimes injuring them, frightening small children by grabbing their toys, attacking other dogs and fouling, with their owners often managing this poorly. We need restrictions to keep our vulnerable safe.

This consultation has focused on provision for dogs and their owners but has had no regard at all to the rest of the population who deserve an enjoyable beach experience with their health and safety needs met, this recommendation needs to be withdrawn.

3. Statement from Julia Lawrance

With reference to the latest Dorset Council consultation as to allowing dogs off lead on Lyme Regis front beaches out of season, I wish to voice my view that the current rules should not be changed. This is for a number of reasons, including child safety (some dogs very boisterous and out of control off lead, which leads to them jumping up on both young children and adults causing unnecessary alarm) I have had personal experience when playing with my 2 year old grandson when numerous dogs have come bounding up to us frightening him and jumping around barking. Owners often comment that they are friendly and mean no harm, but this really is not acceptable.

I have also noted in last year or two that many people have more than one dog, which increases the risk of harm when off lead.

Children and adults should always be the priority. There are two other beaches in Lyme where dogs are welcome to run free. Why is this not enough? Please take into account the percentage of responses from non dog owners and put in perspective with those that are.

I haven't mentioned the dog fouling issue, and the increase in risk of owners not being aware of where they are fouling when dogs roam free.

4. Statement from Councillor Rob Smith

I read with concern that

The one significant change this time is that the current restriction to keep dogs on leads on Lyme Regis's Front Town Beach during the winter is not recommended for inclusion in the new order.

I understand that from your survey, 62% of respondents were dog owners. What statistical modelling did you undertake to make your survey representative of the community rather than a minority pressure group?

Firstly, 54% in favour is a very narrow majority for a small sample size, and should not lead to an automatic revision of restrictions.

Next, let us look at how we could interpret these statistics:

If 62% of respondents were dog owners, and 54% of respondents were in favour of lifting restrictions, then we can estimate that at most $54/64 = 84\%$ of dog owners were in favour, and 16% of dog owners were opposed.

Now, if 25% of households are dog owners, then 84% of $25\% = 21\%$ of the population is actually in favour of "dogs off the lead", as opposed to 79% against.

I do not have the full statistics of your survey, but a rough calculation confirms what those of us in Lyme Regis know; the vast majority of the town are opposed to dogs off the lead on the beach.

The majority of dog owners are responsible people, but a few are not. And we have all had large dogs bound up to us with the owner crying "don't worry about him...." when we're nearly knocked over. This should not happen in the small confined beach area at Lyme.

There are real health and safety concerns about dogs on the beach which is a popular play area for young children. We have had reports of children digging up dog mess, or dogs urinating on sand castles. I urge Dorset Council to prioritise our children's safety over the wishes of dog owners to exercise their dogs on what is a small, compact artificial beach. We do not want to put children at risk, as this proposal will clearly do.

Lastly, I am sure that having dogs running free on the beach will have a detrimental effect on local businesses due to Lyme Regis being a less pleasant and less family safe place to visit in the winter.

For these reasons, Lyme Regis Town Council voted for a complete ban on dogs on the beach, and I urge you to respect their decision.

5. Statement from Mrs W Wilkins-Colijn

Please, don't go back to letting dogs loose on the beach in Lyme Regis.

A lot of people feel unsafe, including older people with dogs on leads, children and swimmers.

I'm an all year round swimmer and had so many issues. Dogs sticking their heads in my bag while getting changed, going off with my clothes and coming back with holes in, jumping on me trying to get out of the water, urinating on my clothes, the list goes on.

My grandchildren crawling on urinated sand..

And no it's not the odd person letting their dog do these things. Most feel very entitled to let their dogs do what they want.

In the last 5 years I met 3 persons who were polite, constraining their dogs and not run riot round me.

I know of people who gave up on swimming, it was too stressful.

And yes if they are allowed loose on the beach again I'm thinking of giving up too, as there are so many more dogs around now!

It use to be in double digits on that small peace of sandy sand (people use to take photographs) it doesn't bear thinking how many there will be now.

You might as well get stalls there, as on Croft's selling dogs collars etc

Please, please reconsider. Many people benefit from cold water swimming, don't let them having to give up.

APPENDIX 2 - QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Agenda item 6 – Questions from Councillors

Question from Cllr Belinda Bawden

Dorset Council has singled out Lyme Regis's front beaches as the only ones **not** recommended for inclusion in the restrictions to keep dogs on leads during the winter.

Excluding only Lyme's beaches will cause confusion to those visiting Dorset and surely maintaining the status quo was one of the aims to provide consistency across the Council area?

The recommendation seems to be based on a 54% majority, including visitors.

It flies completely in the face of the town council's request for an all year ban and from me as ward member arguing that the current restrictions remain.

Our opinions were formed through local knowledge of our situation, our residents' and visitors' feedback and our considered views as responsible councillors. For example, on the doorstep I've received **only** complaints about dogs; my inbox similarly has heart-rending stories about the impacts dog behaviour has on my constituents' health and well-being.

The town council regularly receives complaints about unruly dogs and dog mess.

I am not the only person who feels totally overwhelmed, even as a dog lover, by the number of dogs on the beach and I would not be able to take my grandson on the beach if they are allowed to run loose again. He would simply not be safe.

I genuinely do not understand why dogs are being prioritised over our children and why, in the light of both local and national tragedies currently being reported in the

press, Dorset Council would choose to put my grandson, my constituents and our visitors at risk in this way.

I am seriously concerned that this decision is based on a narrow majority which includes visitors, even though I had warned the team conducting the survey that there was a highly organised pro-dog lobby here, with several Facebook pages to push the case for dogs to run free on our front beaches all year round. I feared the 'Silent Majority' would not be heard above the noise of the pro-dog lobby, which also benefited from a prominent shop in town directing detailed guidance for the survey. It seems I was right.

This recommendation is based on a questionable assumption about the lack of alternative places to take dogs off lead and an utterly false premise that our beaches are not busy with families and children from October to April. We **are** busy all year round, particularly any sunny weekend, since Lyme attracts huge numbers of day visitors from far afield. Both councils' car park statistics prove that.

We have family festivals and activities all year round and attract more daily adult swimmers during the winter, since Lyme is more sheltered than Seaton, West Bay and nearby beaches in winter.

1. Please could Dorset Council provide the evidence for its assumptions to base a decision on such a narrow majority, achieved through an organised campaign and including visitors, deemed acceptable enough to justify dismissing the evidenced concerns of the locally elected representatives?

2. Can the PSPO consultation responses for Lyme split the 54% into numbers of DT7 residents and others so we can see how my constituents voted?

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities

1. The Public Consultation was promoted in accordance with our usual practice, including press and social media releases, coverage in local and regional TV, newsletters, posters and through councillor engagement. Direct messages were also sent to 117 residents who had either requested prior notification or with whom we had been in contact through the last consultation.

The Council has used many avenues to promote the consultation. In doing so, it has tried to ensure that the reach was such to minimise the risk of bias for any particular outcome. Locally elected representatives would have been able to make representation through the consultation process.

The 2023 consultation showed more support for dogs to be unrestricted in the winter period than in 2020. The removal of the dog on lead restriction would harmonise provisions for beaches over the winter period across Dorset Council.

2. This information will need to be manually calculated and may not be accurate as residents were not required to input their postcode. However,

the consultation and engagement team will endeavour to extract the information in time for the Committee Meeting.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 - 11.50 am

Chairman

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Place and Resources Overview Committee 23 January 2024 Community Asset Transfer Policy Review

For Recommendation to Cabinet

Portfolio Holder: Cllr A Parry, Assets and Property

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Report Status: Public

Brief Summary:

Dorset Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy seeks to recognise and maximise the benefit of devolution of assets to local communities, particularly to Town and Parish Councils. This policy supports the delivery of this devolution by providing clear guidance and support for applicants. Dorset Council aims to increase local control over assets, enabling assets to further meet the needs of local communities and enhance local neighbourhood plans.

This review of the Community Asset Transfer policy and processes was required to incorporate it into existing reporting and decision-making processes within Assets and Regeneration. Proposal for changes to make the process simpler for applicants and ensure the process is transparent.

Recommendation: The committee recommend to Cabinet that the revised policy and processes for assessing and determining Community Asset Transfer applications be agreed.

Reason for Recommendation:

1. To enable the Community Asset Transfer applications to be assessed and governed in line with other property/asset decisions and as part of the emerging Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP).
2. Provide transparency on the assessment of Community Asset Transfer applications.
3. Introduce a refreshed and more agile two-stage process, (Expression of Interest (EOI) and Business Case), to allow applicants to assess against a set of pre-set criteria if an asset is potentially suitable for Community Asset Transfer in advance of writing a full business case.

1. Background

- 1.1 In 2021 a new Asset Transfer Policy was brought to Cabinet which is the basis of this revised policy. However, it has become apparent that the current policy and associated processes are increasing the time taken to get decisions on applications.
- 1.2 There is no current procedure for initial assessment of assets for their suitability for Community Asset Transfer which means that even if an asset is unsuitable, the Council must take the application through the entire process. The introduction of an EOI stage will allow unsuitable assets to be filtered out early giving applicants a decision quickly to be able to look at alternative solutions.

2. Revised Policy

- 2.1 The revised policy aligns with more agile procedures within Assets and Regeneration which will mean Community Asset Transfers would now be governed as per other asset transactions/decisions, i.e. disposals and acquisitions.
- 2.2 The revised policy includes a new transparent assessment matrix for each stage of the application so that applicants can see how the Council will assess their application.
- 2.3 The revised policy sets out how the Council will use best endeavours to ensure that assets stay in community use and all future proposed transfers where there is a substantial value involved will be on the basis of

leasehold rather than freehold for Community Asset Transfers. Assets of a de minimis value will be considered for freehold transfer.

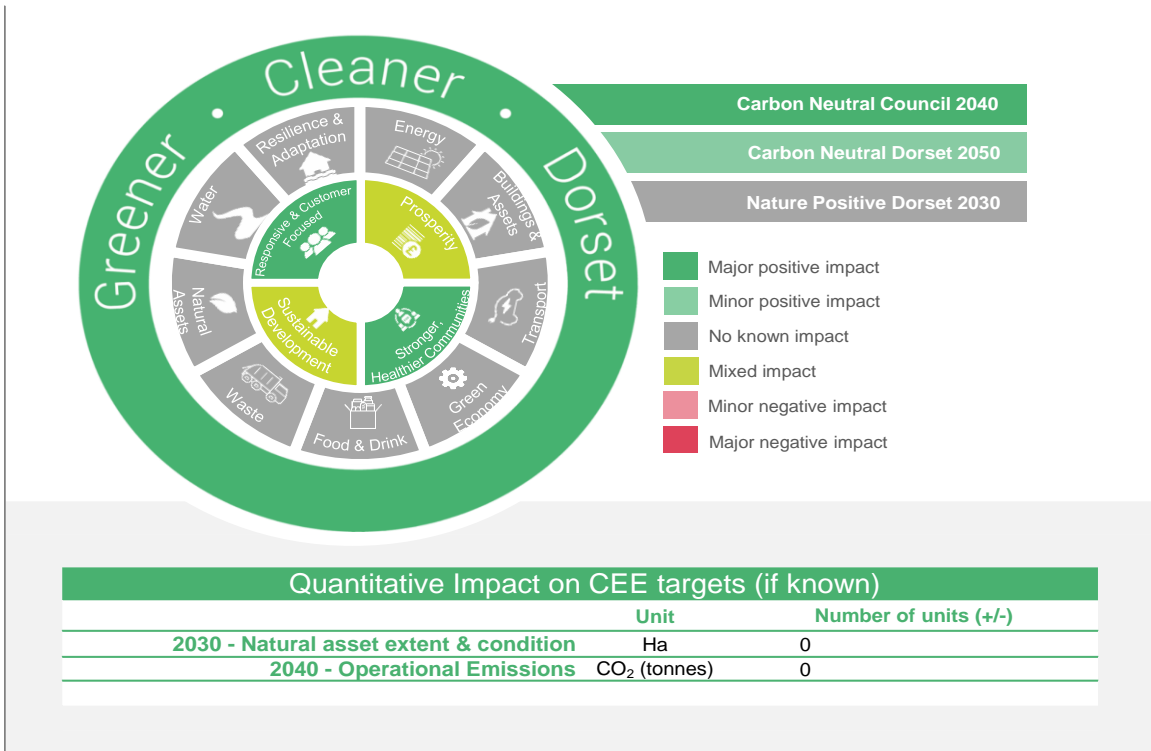
- 2.4 The revised policy will be updated on the website and EOI applications will be submitted via the website. The additional guidance, template business case and assessment matrices will all be digitised and available online.
- 2.5 The revised policy also reserves the right to charge the applicant for the Business Case stage of the application. This will cover the cost of specialist work including valuation of the asset and legal fees to transfer the asset if the application is successful. In addition, a notional charge will be made to cover officer time in administering the application from enquiry to handover.
- 2.6 The guidance and forms will be refined by communications and digital teams to ensure they are accessible and easy to understand in advance of going live on the webpage. Therefore, if agreed we anticipate the revised policy going live in April 2024 to allow time for this work to take place.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Will be considered on an asset-by-asset basis when an application is received. However, there is a principle that assets will be transferred in their current state and without additional funding.

4. Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Implications

- 4.1 Overall, the policy aims to have a positive impact by allowing communities to have local control of appropriate assets and providing space for communities to provide initiatives that have a beneficial impact.



ACCESSIBLE TABLE SHOWING IMPACTS

Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Strategy Commitments	Impact
Energy	No known impact
Buildings & Assets	No known impact
Transport	No known impact
Green Economy	No known impact
Food & Drink	No known impact
Waste	No known impact
Natural Assets & Ecology	No known impact
Water	No known impact
Resilience and Adaptation	No known impact
Corporate Plan Aims	Impact
Prosperity	neutral
Stronger healthier communities	strongly supports it
Sustainable Development & Housing	neutral
Responsive & Customer Focused	strongly supports it

5. Well-being and Health Implications

- 5.1 Potential for assets being utilised at a local level to increase community togetherness and therefore reduction of social isolation.

5.2 Individual applications will be assessed on their ability to provide well-being benefits for the local community.

6. Other Implications

6.1 Individual applications will be assessed on their ability to provide social, economic, or environmental benefits for the local community.

7. Risk Assessment

7.1 HAVING CONSIDERED: the risks associated with this decision; the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: Medium/Low

Residual Risk: Low

8. Equalities Impact Assessment

Anticipate potentially no impact because we cannot know what assets will be requested. Therefore, each application will be assessed on merit. Equalities Impact Assessment completed with action plan to monitor overall uptake and assessment of individual applications.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix A - Dorset Community Asset Transfer Policy (revised) plus appendices (in draft form to be further developed before launched)

10. Background Papers

10.1 [Cabinet Asset Transfers report.pdf \(dorsetcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/cabinet-asset-transfers-report)

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Dorset Council - Community Asset Transfer Policy

Introduction

The Dorset Council Community Asset Transfer Policy seeks to recognise and maximise the benefit of devolution of assets to local communities, particularly to Town and Parish Councils. This policy supports the delivery of this devolution by providing clear guidance and support for applicants. Dorset Council aims to increase local control over assets, enabling assets to further meet the needs of local communities.

Dorset Council has responsibility for land and buildings through various means: -

- Owned Assets – Dorset Council hold either a freehold interest or long lease (virtual freehold, usually in excess of 100 years) of the asset.
- Dedicated Assets – Dorset Council has a responsibility to maintain land due to a historical contractual obligation but does not have the freehold ownership for example areas of public open space or play areas under planning agreements.
- Statutory Responsibility – Dorset Council has the responsibility for maintaining assets and provide services under legislations, for example highway land or closed burial grounds.

The disposal of assets by Dorset Council broadly fall under two types: -

- Market Sales – where ‘best consideration’ is obtained widely interpreted as the best price/market value.
- Disposal at less than best consideration – this could either be a transfer for a nominal sum or reduced purchase price but will certainly be lower than the market value.

This policy will be reviewed every two years.

What is a Community Asset Transfer?

Community Asset Transfer policy provides the process by which community groups and organisations can apply to the council to manage an asset locally. A Community Asset Transfer would be classed as a disposal at less than best consideration (i.e. transfer for a nominal or reduced purchase price – less than market value).

In order for an asset to be considered for transfer under Community Asset Transfer Policy it would need to provide one or more of the following benefits;

- The transfer of the asset will provide social, economic, or environmental well-being benefits to the local community
- ‘Tidying up’ exercise transferring incidental pieces of land to local control
- The asset has the potential to provide for a community facility with the applicant has demonstrated they have the skills, drive, and access to resources to deliver
- The transfer of the asset will enable the continuation of a service or use of a facility to the local community that Dorset Council is no longer able to provide
- A community partnership can be entered into based on public access to and use of an asset
- It is believed that the applicant would be able to secure grant and/or have access to funding streams not available to Dorset Council.

How Community Asset Transfers fit within National Policy

The Quirk Review “Making Assets Work” 2007 which outlined the potential benefits of local ownership and management of public assets where appropriate.

Localism Act 2011 which built on the concept of local communities taking more control of assets in their area.

Local Government Act 1972 s123 sets out that Local Authorities must obtain best consideration for all disposals. The General Disposal Consent 2003 gives permission for Council’s to dispose at less than best consideration provided the value foregone is less than £2m (in capital terms) and the transaction benefits the economic, social, or environmental well-being of the area. If the value foregone is greater than £2m approval from the Secretary of State is required.

Other legislation or guidance documents that Dorset Council will need to be mindful of when assessing any application which includes but is not limited to;

- Subsidy Control Act 2022
- Local Government Finance Act (1988)
- RICS Valuation – “Red Book” valuation defines market value when considering a disposal.
- Dorset Council Procurement Framework

Community Asset Transfers and Dorset Council’s Strategic Objectives

Dorset Council’s Plan 2022-2024 ([Dorset Council Plan - Dorset Council](#)) support the principles behind this Community Asset Transfer policy. Dorset Council values state ‘we work together with our communities and our partners to make things happen’ this feeds into the principle of local communities having control over appropriate assets and working with organisations to ensure services and benefits are not lost.

Dorset Council’s long-term vision is underpinned by a transformation plan which focuses on six priorities one of which is ‘making the best use of our assets and leading economic growth.’

Dorset Council has 5 key priorities

- Protecting our natural environment, climate, and ecology
- Creating sustainable development and housing
- Driving economic prosperity
- Creating stronger, healthier communities
- Becoming a more responsive customer focuses council

This policy seeks to assist in achieving these goals.

This is separate to Assets of Community Value which allows local communities to identify and nominate land and buildings that are important to them to be included on a list of assets of community value (ACVs). For more information on this see [Assets of Community Value - Dorset Council](#).

Benefits of Community Asset Transfers

Dorset Council wants to achieve community empowerment by ensuring that assets are locally controlled for the benefit of the local community (Quirk Review 2007). Community Asset Transfer can protect local services, allows delivery of social and economic benefits that otherwise might not be available through other means, and can provide local people with a meaningful stake in the development of their community.

Community Asset Transfer Process

Community Asset Transfers (CATs) involve the transferring of land, buildings, or other property assets (referred to as assets throughout this policy) from Dorset Council to a Town or Parish Council or community organisation in order to achieve public benefit.

If CAT (Community Asset Transfer) application is successful, then one of the following types of transfer will be recommended on a case-by-case basis.

- Short Term Leasehold – 12-month management agreement to 7-year leases
- Longer Leasehold – Lease of more than 7 years
- Freehold transfer – asset permanently transferred

Freehold transfer will only be recommended in exceptional circumstances. Leases longer than 7 years will normally only be granted to organisations that have governance in place to prevent distribution of assets to members (asset lock) and will contain clauses that prevent the asset being used for other than community benefit. Transfer documents will contain clauses to ensure the return of the asset to Dorset Council if the asset is no longer used for Community benefit.

If an official transfer is not deemed appropriate the CAT application will be refused but Dorset Council may recommend one of the following types of agreements if they would like to support the proposal.

- Community Use Agreement – protects community use of an asset.
- Management Contract – leasing asset along with contract and service specification
- Service Delegation Agreements – These are usually used where there are a number of small non-strategic assets.

Assets will be transferred in their current condition with no capital or other funding provided as part of the transfer and all future costs to be covered by the organisation taking on the asset. No works or funding will be provided to adapt buildings or assets to be appropriate for the use proposed as part of the Community Asset Transfer application. The Council will as standard include conditions on any transfer to protect future community use of the asset this could include but not limited to; restrictions, preferential arrangements for Dorset Council use, right of first refusal on buy back, use of reversionary mechanisms etc. No rents or charges will be applied for use by Dorset Council should there be any potential ongoing or temporary space requirement by the Council, provided the requirement for such space is not unreasonable and does not exceed 25% of net internal area or of the available hours.

For assets to be available for transfer via this process they must be owned by Dorset Council. Dorset Council reserves the right not to make available assets for CATs for reasons including but not limited to:

- Assets that are used operationally by Dorset Council to deliver council services (e.g. school, care homes, etc)
- Assets that are part of a wider area of land owned/controlled by Dorset Council

- Assets that have the potential for redevelopment either with or without Dorset Council land
- Assets that provide or have the potential to provide significant income for Dorset Council
- Transfer is to an individual or business and it is to be used solely for commercial purposes.
- Where there is a more appropriate route to achieve the outcomes desired
- If there is a statutory responsibility and any transfer would also require the transfer or undertaking of any service responsibilities

Principles of the CAT policy;

- Being transparent in our process for community asset transfers including timescales and decision-making processes and providing information online
- Providing timely information to applicants
- Assessing asset transfer requests fairly through the application of this policy

Eligibility Criteria

The CAT policy is open to the following types of organisations.

- Parish or Town Councils
- Voluntary & Community Sector Organisations
- Charities

These organisations must be;

- Legal entities
- Non-profit making
- Have community and/or social objectives.
- Be located within the boundaries of Dorset Council area or can demonstrate that they provide services within the area to residents.

The asset must remain open to the wider public. This does not disqualify special interest proposals or groups; however, evidence must be provided of how the asset will be used in an inclusive way.

Dorset Council will not consider applications from organisations which are political or with political affiliations, organisations engaged in supporting candidates for political office, individuals or businesses who intend to primarily run the service or use the asset for commercial gain.

Assessment Criteria

The applications will be assessed against the following criteria areas;

- Community Benefit
- Local Control
- Sustainability
- Governance
- Financial Standing
- Ability to maintain and manage the asset
- Commitment

Further details on how the different stages of the application are assessed please refer to Appendices 3 and 4.

Application Process

The CAT application is a two-stage process;

1. Expression of Interest Application Form
2. Business Case

Stage 1: Expression of Interest Application Form

This sets out the following information which will enable Dorset Council to make an initial assessment on whether the asset is potentially suitable for transfer and if the organisations and proposed use meets the eligibility criteria.

- Who is applying for the CAT
- Information on the organisation
- What asset is being applied for
- Basic details on the asset (Land Registry No, location plan)
- Proposed use of the asset
- Benefit of the asset being transferred

See appendix 1 for details of the Expression of Interest form and guidance but please complete online here.

Dorset Council will then carry out initial checks including but not limited to;

- Is the asset owned by Dorset Council and any restrictions on ownership?
- Is the asset potentially eligible for CAT?
- Is the organisation eligible for CAT?
- Does the proposed use meet the criteria of CAT policy?

See appendix 3 for more information on how the Expression of Interest Application Form is assessed.

The applicant will be notified whether their application has passed stage 1 within two months of their application being received. If the application did not pass stage 1, they will be provided with the reasons behind this decision. If the application passes stage 1, they will be asked to prepare a business case as stage 2 of their application.

There is no charge for this initial expression of interest.

Stage 2: Business Case

There is a template business case and guidance (appendix 2) which we would ask applicants who pass stage 1 to complete so we can fully assess their application for CAT. This will set out how the asset will be used, the social, economic, environmental and well-being benefits of the asset being transferred, ability to maintain and manage the asset, etc. A robust business plan is key for organisations to demonstrate their ability to successfully operate an asset and deliver the proposed community benefits.

The Business case will be assessed on how it will benefit the community (see appendix 4 for more details) and Dorset Council will liaise with local Councillors and other departments within Dorset Council for their views on the proposed transfer. Dorset Council will also have to value the asset. The application will be assessed in accordance with the assessment criteria and a recommendation report will be produced which will set out the details of the proposal and make recommendations regarding whether a transfer should be made, what type of transfer and any conditions recommended. The Council may need to balance the

competing interests for community groups and an assessment will need to be made as to the option that will deliver most sustainable benefit to the local community.

In order to help organisations complete the business case we can, if requested and appropriate, supply relevant information that we hold i.e. maintenance costs, value of asset, any condition reports etc.

This recommendation report will be taken through the Councils usual property disposals decision making process in line with the scheme of delegation which will vary depending on the value of the asset being transferred. This means that any assets valued over £500k will need to go to cabinet for sign off if asset transfer is recommended. Assets under £500k will go to the relevant Asset Management Group monthly meeting where senior managers from multiple departments will approve or refuse the application.

Dorset Council reserve the right to charge for the Business Case Application to cover the cost of valuation of the asset and officer time and resources to assess the application including legal work. The level of the fee will be indicated at the commencement of Stage 2. If your application is successful, you will also need to pay the Council's legal fees to transfer the asset which will be between £750 and £1500. Organisations will be responsible for their own due diligence in relation to taking on any asset.

If we do not receive a business case within six months of an applicant being notified of their Expression of Interest ((EOI) stage 1 application) being successful we will close the application. We aim to assess business cases with three months of receiving them. However, if the asset is high value, it may take longer than this to make its way through the approvals process (Cabinet). Applicants will be kept informed on the status of their application and the recommendations being presented.

If an application is successful and transfer is agreed, then this will be actioned by Dorset Council Estates & Legal teams. Target timescale for this to be 12 weeks from decision however this will depend on the type of transfer and the legal work required.

Ongoing Reviews

The council reserve the right to undertake ad hoc reviews to ensure the community benefits are being delivered as per the bid submission and reserve the right for assets to revert if the proposed benefits do not materialise.

Appeals

All applicants are entitled to appeal against any decision made through the CAT process if they feel that a decision has been unfair and/or there has been a breach of policy. Appeals should be made in writing via the Complaints Team stating the issue or referencing the part of the policy that has been breached, within 28 days from the date decision was made. Appeals will be managed in line with the Council's complaints procedure.

Appendices *(In draft form to be developed further before launched)*

1. Expression of Interest Application Form & Guidance
2. Business Case Template & Guidance
3. Assessment Matrix for EOI
4. Assessment Matrix Business Case
5. Guide for Applicants (not yet drafted so not included)
6. Links to additional resources (not yet drafted so not included)

APPENDIX 1 – Expression of Interest Form & Guidance

Please apply online [here](#) – information on questions and guidance on answering them below

1. Basic Details

1a	Name of Organisation:	<i>Which organisation will be receiving the asset if transferred</i>
1b	Address of Organisation:	<i>The organisation's registered address</i>
1c	Contact Name:	<i>Who is the point of contact within the organisation for any queries</i>
1d	Position Held:	<i>Named contact's position within the organisation</i>
1e	Contact Phone Number:	<i>Best number to contact the named point of contact</i>
1f	Contact Email Address:	<i>Best email to contact the named point of contact</i>

2. Organisation details

2a	Type of Organisation:	<i>What type of Community Organisation are you e.g. Town Council, CIC, Charity etc if Charity provide number/Company number etc</i>
2b	What services are provided by your organisation:	<i>What is the purpose of your organisation</i>
2c	The area of service provision:	<i>Where does your organisation operate, where do the people your organisation support live/work etc</i>
2d	Organisational Structure:	<i>How is your organisation governed/managed</i>
2e	How is your organisation funded:	<i>How does the organisation support its current activities</i>
2f	Current accommodation/assets:	<i>If relevant what accommodation does the organisation use currently to provide the services they are looking to offer or improve.</i>

3. Asset Details

3a	Name & Address of Asset Applying for:	<i>Local name of the asset and address</i>
3b	Land Registry DN reference number:	<i>Land Registry reference number can be found here Search for land and property information - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) if not known</i>
3c	Plan of the asset:	<i>Upload a plan showing the extent and location of the asset you wish to apply for. Can use Dorset Explorer DorsetExplorer (dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) if required.</i>
3d	Briefly describe how the asset will be used if it is transferred:	<i>Opportunity for you to explain how your organisation will use the asset if it is transferred.</i>

3e. Where assets are transferred for a nil or less than best value the financial cost to Dorset Council will be weighed against the community benefit. Please indicate which of the following community benefits will be provided by the transfer of this asset to your organisation:

1. The transfer of this asset will provide social, economic or environmental well-being benefits for the local community. For example, through the ability to manage and regulate an open space at local level.
2. The transfer would be a 'tidying up' exercise, passing incidental pieces of land or parts of land for local management
3. The asset has the potential to provide a community facility. For example, a village hall
4. The transfer of the asset will enable the continuation of a service to the local community that Dorset Council are no longer able to provide. For example, public conveniences
5. A community partnership can be entered into based on public access to and use of an asset
6. It is believed that the applicant would be able to secure grant funding and/or have access to funding streams not available to Dorset Council

You should select all that apply on the application form

3f. explain briefly how the transfer would meet each benefit you selected in the text boxes provided.

3g. There is then a space for you to provide any further information that you would like Dorset Council to know at this time.

3h. You will then be asked to declare that you are authorised to sign on behalf of the organisation you are applying on behalf of.

APPENDIX 2 – Business Plan Template and Guidance

The business plan should be focused and to the point. The following template is a guide, and some sections may not be relevant and/or additional information may be required. Please write your business plan assuming the people evaluating it have no prior knowledge of your organisation.

Organisational Details

Name of Organisation:

Type of Organisation (Town/Parish Council, CIO, CIC, unincorporated group etc):

Company/Charity/Society number (if applicable):

Contact Details:

Brief description of the organisation (how long has it existed, current involvement in the community, legal structure, aims and objectives of the organisation):

How is the organisation governed:

Track record of the organisation in similar projects:

Asset Details

Details of the asset being applied for (Name, Address):

Type of asset (community hall, open space, playground etc):

Proposal Details

Proposed use of the asset (explain what activities/service will be provided from the asset):

Arrangements for managing and operating the asset:

Relevant skills and knowledge available within the organisation to manage/run the asset and/or experience in delivering the type or service/activity proposed:

Details of any partners the organisation will be working with to provide the proposal:

Community requirement/support for this proposal (including any demand from users of the asset, who will benefit from the proposal):

Market research (demand for this proposal within the community, support by the local community, have you gained the views of local people, how will you keep local people informed of the proposal):

Expected outcomes:

SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats):

Timescales for asset being operational:

Community benefits (Social, Economic, Environmental and Well- Being) and needs met by the proposed use (ensure cover those benefits specified in EOI (Expression of Interest) and criteria for CAT (Community Asset Transfer)):

How you will manage the repair and maintenance of the asset:

Financial Information

Summary of your organisational accounts (trustee report, annual accounts etc):

Any funding that the organisation will bring to support the transfer (that you have already, funding applications ongoing or proposed funding streams):

Details of any investment or capital expenditure required to enable asset to meet proposal (include how this is funded and what it is for):

Cost plan (financial projections for first 3 years) including how the asset will be financed, operating costs, income etc:

If the proposal includes charging, please provide details of what these charges will be:

Risks and Dependencies

Risk assessment (see template risk assessment below):

Dependencies (what is the proposal dependent on):

Legislation, Statutory Requirements and Regulation

Any Health and Safety implications/controls/mitigations:

How the organisation will effectively manage relevant legislation e.g., safeguarding, disability discrimination, any licencing requirements:

Organisation policies and procedures relevant to the asset transfer:

Monitoring & Evaluation

How will the organisation monitor and evaluate that they are delivering the benefits specified in the proposal:

Risk Register Template

Date	Risk	Cause	Effect	Impact	Likelihood	Risk Score	Mitigation	Risk Owner
				H/M/L	H/M/L	H/M/L		

H – High
M – Medium
L – Low

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APPENDIX 3 – Expression of Interest Assessment Matrix

Name of Organisation		Type of Organisation	
Asset Ref No			
Asset Name		Asset Current Use	
Is the organisation eligible for CAT?	Yes/No (Yes required to pass EOI stage)		
Is the asset owned by Dorset Council?	Yes/No (Yes required to pass EOI stage)		
Is the asset potentially eligible for CAT? (All answers need to be No to pass EOI Stage)	Is asset currently used operationally	Yes/No	
	Are there any restrictions on use	Yes/No	
	Any other reason not to transfer	Yes/No	
What benefits will transferring the asset achieve	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The transfer of this asset will provide social, economic or environmental well-being benefits for the local community. For example, through the ability to manage and regulate an open space at local level. 2. The transfer would be a 'tidying up' exercise, passing incidental pieces of land or parts of land for local management 3. The asset has the potential to provide a community facility. For example, a village hall 4. The transfer of the asset will enable the continuation of a service to the local community that Dorset Council are no longer able to provide. For example, public conveniences 5. A community partnership can be entered into based on public access to and use of an asset 6. It is believed that the applicant would be able to secure grant funding and/or have access to funding streams not available to Dorset Council 		
Does the proposed use meet the benefits criteria of CAT Policy	Yes/No – short description on how/why (Yes required to pass EOI stage)		
Does the Application pass Expression of Interest (Stage 1)	Yes/No		
If not, why not?			

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APPENDIX 4 – Business Case Assessment Matrix

Name of Organisation		Type of Organisation	
Asset Name		Asset Current Use	
Company/Charity/ Society Number		Contact Details (Name, Email)	
Organisation			
Does the description of the organisation meet the CAT requirements? Are the objectives in line with DC objectives? Good community involvement?		Summary comments:	
Does the organisation have a suitable governance arrangement for the type of asset it is looking to take on?		Yes/No Comments:	
Does the organisation have track record in similar projects?		If yes comments:	
Has the organisation demonstrated it is a suitable organisation to manage this asset?		Yes/No (need a Yes for CAT to be recommended) Reasons:	
Proposal			
Does the Proposed use of the asset meet the requirements for CAT		Yes/No (need a Yes for CAT to be recommended) Reasons:	
Does the proposal indicate how it will support any local or national characteristics		Yes/No (need a Yes for CAT to be recommended) Reasons:	
Has the organisation considered the requirements for managing the asset including arrangements, skills, staff, facilities, etc		Yes/No Comments:	
If any partners involved – has their role been explained, is there any conflict of interest?		Yes/No Comments:	

Has the organisation show they have engaged with community and that the proposal meets a need within the community	Yes/No (need a Yes for CAT to be recommended) Reasons:
Has the organisation thought about the benefit and opportunities for the community and the risks?	Yes/No Comments:
When will the benefits be delivered	<i>Which year?</i>
Finances	
Is the organisation financially stable currently?	Yes/No (need a Yes for CAT to be recommended) Reasons:
Does the financial forecasting (cost plan) and assumptions of set up costs, ongoing costs and charging seem reasonable and is it showing that the organisation can sustain itself while managing this asset?	Yes/No (need a Yes for CAT to be recommended) Reasons:
Risks & Dependencies	
Are there any risks highlighted which could be a risk to DC?	Yes/No If yes explain the risk and severity/likelihood:
Is the proposal dependent on anything?	Yes/No If yes summary of dependencies:
Legislation, Statutory Requirements and Regulations	
Has the organisation considered how it will ensure that the asset is operated safely and legally?	Yes/No (need a Yes for CAT to be recommended) Reasons:
Monitoring and Evaluation	
Has the Organisation considered how it will ensure that the benefits are monitored, and outcomes realised?	Yes/No Comments

Summary of Suitability for Transfer	
Short summary of the benefits and risks/disbenefits of recommending this CAT application:	
Officer Recommendation:	Approve /Reject
Name and Job Title of Officer Completing the Assessment	
Date of Assessment	
Date of PSPAMG Meeting recommendation will be brought to	
PSPAMG Recommendation	Approve /Reject
PSPAMG Comments	
Referred to CSAMG	Yes/No
CSAMG Recommendation (if required)	Approve /Reject
CSAMG Comments (if required)	
Referred to Cabinet from CSAMG	Yes/No
CAT Official Decision	APPROVE/REJECT

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Place and Resources Overview Committee Work Programme

Meeting Date: 23 January 2024

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Community Asset Transfer Policy Review	To consider an update to the Community Asset Transfer Policy and provide comments to Cabinet	Carly Galloway – Service Manager Business Operations Cllr Andrew Parry – Portfolio Holder for Assets and Property	Report to be considered by Cabinet on 30 January 2024

Meeting Date: 21 March 2024

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
<i>Review of policies to be undertaken and prioritised for review by the committee</i>			

Informal Work of the Committee:

Date	Topic	Format	Members	Lead Officers	Other Information
January 2024	Support to the economic development of market and medium size towns	Informal meeting	All committee members	Jon Bird – Service Manager for Growth & Economic Regeneration Nick Webster - Head of Growth & Economic Regeneration	Introduction session and initial information gathering



The Cabinet Forward Plan - January 2024 - April 2024 (Publication date – 21 DECEMBER 2023)

Explanatory Note:

This Forward Plan contains future items to be considered by the Cabinet and Council. It is published 28 days before the next meeting of the Committee. The plan includes items for the meeting including key decisions. Each item shows if it is 'open' to the public or to be considered in a private part of the meeting.

Definition of Key Decisions

Key decisions are defined in Dorset Council's Constitution as decisions of the Cabinet which are likely to -

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- (a) to result in the relevant local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the relevant local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates (**Thresholds - £500k**); or
 - (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the relevant local authority."

In determining the meaning of "*significant*" for these purposes the Council will have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 9Q of the Local Government Act 2000 Act. Officers will consult with lead members to determine significance and sensitivity.

Cabinet Portfolio Holders 2023/24

Spencer Flower	Leader / Governance, Performance and Communications
Gary Suttle	Deputy Leader and Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy
Ray Bryan	Highways, Travel and Environment
Jill Haynes	Corporate Development and Transformation
Laura Beddow	Culture and Communities
Simon Gibson	Economic Growth and Levelling Up
Andrew Parry	Assets and Property
Byron Quayle	People – Children, Education, Skills, and Early Help
Jane Somper	People - Adult Social Care, Health, and Housing
David Walsh	Planning

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
January 2024					
<p>Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring Report 2023/24</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider the Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring Report 2023/24.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 30 Jan 2024</p>		<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Budget strategy and medium-term financial plan (MTFP)</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider a report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Assets.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Dorset Council</p>	<p>Decision Date 13 Feb 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet 20 Jan 2024</p> <p>Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee 17 Jan 2024</p> <p>People and Health Scrutiny Committee 12 Jan 2024</p>	<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>The new Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy aims to set out how Dorset Council will enable a thriving, sustainable and dynamic voluntary, and community sector to flourish and help improve the lives of individuals and communities in Dorset over coming years.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 30 Jan 2024</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities</p>	<p><i>Laura Cornette, Business Partner - Communities and Partnerships</i> <i>Laura.cornette@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
<p>Community Asset Transfer Policy</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>Update of Community Asset Transfer Policy</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 30 Jan 2024</p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 23 Jan 2024</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Assets and Property</p>	<p><i>Carly Galloway, Senior Projects, Contracts & Funding Manager carly.galloway@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Tim Hulme, Head of Assets and Property tim.hulme@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>Determination of Dorset Council's Admissions Arrangements 2025-2026</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Annual duty for the Council to determine a suite of policies in relation to the Admissions Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools. These policies have to be determined by the 26 February in the year prior to their implementation.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 30 Jan 2024</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for People - Children, Education, Skills and Early Help</p>	<p><i>Ed Denham, School Admissions Manager ed.denham@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Amanda Davis, Corporate Director for Education and Learning amanda.davis@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i></p>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
<p>Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership PDSCP Annual Report</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>The PDSCP Annual Report provides an overview of multi-agency safeguarding practice over the year. It outlines key work within the partnership and priorities for forthcoming years. The RDSCP has a duty to produce an annual report under government guidance (working together 2018).</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 30 Jan 2024</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for People - Children, Education, Skills and Early Help</p>	<p><i>Laurence Doe, PDSCP Business Manager</i> <i>laurence.doe@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i></p>
<p>A Devolution Deal for Dorset Expression of Interest</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To seek approval to formulate an expression of interest with partner councils to make an application to Government for a devolution deal.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 30 Jan 2024</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Levelling Up</p>	<p><i>Steven Ford, Corporate Director for Transformation, Innovation, Digital, and Environment</i> <i>steven.ford@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>

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<p>Dorset Harbours Five Year Business Plan</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider the Dorset Harbours Five Year Business Plan.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 30 Jan 2024</p>	<p>Harbours Committee 22 Nov 2023</p> <p>Advisory</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment</p>	<p><i>Ed Carter, Weymouth Harbour Master</i> <i>ed.carter@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>Care Dorset Holdings Ltd Annual Performance Report 2023</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider the performance report produced by Care Dorset Holdings Ltd.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 30 Jan 2024</p>	<p>Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd 6 Dec 2023</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for People - Adult Social Care, Health and Housing</p>	<p><i>Vivienne Broadhurst, Executive Director - People Adults</i> <i>Vivienne.broadhurst@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults</i></p>
<p>Dorset Centre of Excellence Annual Performance Report November 2023</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider the performance report produced by Dorset Centre of Excellence.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 30 Jan 2024</p>	<p>The Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE) 20 Nov 2023</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for People - Children, Education, Skills and Early Help</p>	<p><i>Theresa Leavy, Executive Director of People - Children</i> <i>theresa.leavy@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i></p>

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<p>Weymouth Regeneration - Levelling Up Fund Progress & Next Steps</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt</p> <p>To update Cabinet on progress since the November 2023 report and seeks approval for the step necessary to progress the relevant sites.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 30 Jan 2024</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Levelling Up</p>	<p><i>Julian Wain, Strategic Property Advisor</i> <i>Julian.wain@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>Land at Whitepit farm, Shillingstone</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt</p> <p>Report seeking approval to the sale of Whitepit Farm, Shillingstone</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 30 Jan 2024</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Assets and Property</p>	<p><i>Jon Morgan, Development Manager</i> <i>jon.morgan@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>March</p>					
<p>Procurement Forward Plan Report - Over £500k (2023-2025)</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>The Council defines a key decision, in terms of procurement activity, as those with financial consequence of £500k or more. This report will provide notice of the planned/known procurement activities that Cabinet will need to make a key decision on for 2024/25.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 12 Mar 2024</p>		<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Dawn Adams, Service Manager for Commercial and Procurement</i> <i>dawn.adams@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Chief Executive (Matt Prosser)</i></p>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
<p>Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Strategy</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To seek approval of the refreshed EDI Strategy for Dorset Council.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 12 Mar 2024</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Transformation</p>	<p><i>Jennifer Lewis, Head of Strategic Communications and Engagement jennifer.louis@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, James Palfreman-Kay, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Officer james.palfreman-kay@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Grid Capacity Task & Finish Group</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>The final report of Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee's grid capacity task and finish group, which was established to review the strategically significant issue of Dorset's constrained grid capacity. The report will summarise its findings and recommendations for the future.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 12 Mar 2024</p>	<p>Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee 26 Feb 2024</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment</p>	<p><i>Antony Littlechild, Sustainability Team Manager antony.littlechild@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Carl Warom, Climate and Ecological Policy and Project Manager carl.warom@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>BCP Local Plan consultation response</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Proposed for change set out in an invest to save business case.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 12 Mar 2024</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Planning</p>	<p><i>Terry Sneller, Strategic Planning Manager terry.sneller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>

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<p>Family Hub network development</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>This report outlines proposals for the development of Dorset's Family Hub Network Model in line with requirements of the DfE's grant funded Transformation Programme, local need and strategic priorities.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 12 Mar 2024</p>	<p>People and Health Overview Committee 6 Feb 2024</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for People - Children, Education, Skills and Early Help</p>	<p><i>Elizabeth Saunders, Interim Corporate Director of Commissioning elizabeth.saunders@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i></p>
<p>Business Case - commercialisation of digital innovation</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Business case looking at the costs and benefits of a special purpose vehicle to support the council's digital innovation ambitions.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 12 Mar 2024</p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Transformation, Councillor Simon Gibson, Councillor Andrew Parry</p>	<p><i>Nick Webster, Head of Growth and Economic Regeneration nicholas.webster@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Colin Wood, Programme Manager - 5G and Mobile colin.wood@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>Allocation of S106 Funding for community facilities at Mampitts Green, Shaftesbury</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To determine the award of s106 developer contribution funding for the delivery of community facilities at Mampitts Green, Shaftesbury</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 12 Mar 2024</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Planning</p>	<p><i>Andrew Galpin, Infrastructure & Delivery Planning Manager andrew.galpin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Mike Garrity, Head of Planning mike.garrity@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>

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<p>Community Infrastructure Levy - Exception Circumstances Policy for the Purbeck area</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To agree and adopt the draft order.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 12 Mar 2024</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Planning</p>	<p><i>Andrew Galpin, Infrastructure & Delivery Planning Manager andrew.galpin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>April</p>					
<p>Quarter 4 Financial Monitoring 2023/24</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider the Quarter 4 Financial Monitoring Report 2024/25.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 16 Apr 2024</p>		<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>June</p>					

Private/Exempt Items for Decision

Each item in the plan above marked as 'private' will refer to one of the following paragraphs.

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the shadow council proposes:-
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.