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DECISIONS OF THE CABINET 30 JANUARY 2024

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on 30 January 2024 and will come into force and may be implemented on 8 February 2024 unless the decision is called in for scrutiny.

In accordance with the council's constitution, any six members of the same relevant Scrutiny Committee may request the Monitoring Officer to 'call-in' a decision for scrutiny. The Monitoring Officer will be provided with written notice that will identify the decision to be called-in and the ground for the call-in when the request is made. If satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the proposed call-in, the Monitoring Officer will notify the decision-maker of the call-in within 5 clear working days. The deadline for this request is **7 February 2024**.

The full call-in procedure is set out in the Constitution or for further information and advice please telephone Kate Critchel on 01305 252234

6 QUARTER 3 FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT 2023/24

- (a) That the senior leadership's team forecast of the full year's forecast outturn, for the Council, made at the end of Quarter 3; including progress of the savings incorporated into the budget, be noted.
- (b) That Cabinet consider and identify the priority areas for changes to be made to close the in-year budget gap.
- (c) That Portfolio Holders work with officers to continue to identify and develop further in-year efficiencies and savings to minimise use of reserves be agreed.
- (d) That the capital programme for 2023/24 and updated capital plan for 2023/24 – 2027/28 be noted.

8 DORSET COUNCIL AND THE VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SECTOR: PRINCIPLES FOR WORKING TOGETHER

That the proposed principles to affirm Dorset Council's commitment to working with our Voluntary Community Sector, be adopted.

9 DETERMINATION OF DORSET COUNCIL'S ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2025-2026

That the following policies that make up Dorset Council's School Admissions Arrangements and Coordinated Scheme for school place allocations for September 2025: be approved and adopted.

1. Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme Timetable 2025-2026
2. Primary Co-ordinated Scheme 2025-2026
3. Secondary Co-ordinated Scheme 2025-2026
4. In Year Co-ordinated Scheme 2025-2026
5. Admissions Arrangements for Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools 2025-2026.
6. Admissions to Maintained Nursery Units Policy 2025-2026
7. Sixth Form Admissions Policy 2025-2026
8. Armed Forces Policy 2025-2026

In addition, the following reductions in Pupil Admissions Number where also approved:

1. Cranborne Middle School reduction of their Pupil Admissions Number from 105 to 64 with effect from September 2025
2. Conifers Primary School reduction of their Pupil Admissions Number (PAN) from 60 to 30 with effect from September 2025.

10 PAN-DORSET SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP PDSCP ANNUAL REPORT

That the Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership PDSP Annual Report, be approved.

11 DORSET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (DCOE) ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT NOVEMBER 2023

That the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE) Annual Performance Report, be received and noted.

12 CARE DORSET HOLDINGS LTD ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023 - RECOMMENDATION OF THE SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE FOR CARE DORSET HOLDINGS

That the annual performance report produced by Care Dorset Holdings Ltd be received and noted.

13 DORSET HARBOURS FIVE YEAR BUSINESS PLAN - RECOMMENDATION OF THE HARBOURS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

That Dorset Harbours five-year Business Plan, be approved and adopted.

14 COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER POLICY

That the revised policy and processes for assessing and determining Community Asset Transfer applications be agreed subject to the following recommendations from the Place and Resources Overview Committee of 23 January 2024:

- a) That the requirement for an organisation to provide free access to the asset to Dorset Council following transfer, be removed.
- b) That relevant ward councillors are consulted on an asset transfer application, after an expression of interest is confirmed as valid.
- c) That a mechanism for the appropriate councillor involvement in the community asset transfer policy decision-making process be explored.
- d) That Dorset Council provides relevant information held in respect of an asset, to an organisation as part of the asset transfer process.

15 WEYMOUTH REGENERATION - LEVELLING UP FUND PROGRESS & NEXT STEPS

- (a) That Council's commitment and ambition to achieve the outcomes set out within the Memorandum of Understanding agreed with the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DHLUC), be confirmed.

- (b) That 'A Vision for Weymouth Harbour and Peninsula' be used to guide progress of the Council's activities in regenerating Weymouth, be agreed.
- (c) That the development and commencement of a procurement process to obtain a development partner for North Quay in compliance with the relevant applicable public procurement regulations, be approved.
- (d) That the Harbour Advisory Committee be invited to consider and make recommendations regarding how the Levelling Up Fund commitments for the Peninsula site could be delivered in a manner compatible with the Council's duties as statutory harbour authority and securing the success and future viability of the harbour, including consideration of the potential approach to a new Harbour Revision Order.
- (e) That authority to seek a development partner for Weymouth Bowl in the most appropriate way, be granted.
- (f) That the procurement of the necessary engineering, materials and consultancy services, and a construction contractor for walls F and G on the Peninsula be authorised and that authority be delegated to the Executive Lead for Place in consultation with the Executive Director Corporate Development and the Portfolio Holder for Highways Travel and Environment to award necessary contracts subject to the appropriate budget being identified and allocated.

19 LAND AT FORMER WHITEPIT FARM, SHILLINGSTONE

- (a) That the freehold sale of the land at the former Whitepit Farm, Shillingstone, approved.
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Executive Lead for Place, after consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Assets and Property and the Executive Director for Corporate Development (S151 Officer), to agree the terms of sale at the price set out in paragraph 1.12 of the not for publication report.