



People and Health Overview Committee

Date: Tuesday, 27 June 2023
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum: 3)

Mike Parkes (Chairman), Cathy Lugg (Vice-Chairman), Tony Alford, Pauline Batstone, Jean Dunseith, Beryl Ezzard, Ryan Holloway, Stella Jones, Rebecca Knox and Howard Legg

Chief Executive: Matt Prosser, County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ

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Agenda

Item	Pages
1. APOLOGIES	
To receive any apologies for absence.	
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
To disclose any pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interest 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.	
If required, further advice should be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.	
3. MINUTES	5 - 10

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March and 22 May 2023.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Representatives of town or parish councils and members of the public who live, work, or represent an organisation within the Dorset Council area are welcome to submit either 1 question or 1 statement for each meeting. You are welcome to attend the meeting in person or via Microsoft Teams to read out your question and to receive the response. If you submit a statement for the committee this will be circulated to all members of the committee in advance of the meeting as a supplement to the agenda and appended to the minutes for the formal record but will not be read out at the meeting. **The first 8 questions and the first 8 statements received from members of the public or organisations for each meeting will be accepted on a first come first served basis in accordance with the deadline set out below.** For further information read [Public Participation - Dorset Council](#)

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When submitting your question or statement please note that:

- You can submit 1 question or 1 statement.
- a question may include a short pre-amble to set the context.
- It must be a single question and any sub-divided questions will not be permitted.
- Each question will consist of no more than 450 words, and you will be given up to 3 minutes to present your question.
- when submitting a question please indicate who the question is for (e.g., the name of the committee or Portfolio Holder)
- Include your name, address, and contact details. Only your name will be published but we may need your other details to contact you about your question or statement in advance of the meeting.
- questions and statements received in line with the council's rules for public participation will be published as a supplement to the agenda.
- all questions, statements and responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting.

5. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

To receive questions submitted by councillors.

Councillors can submit up to two valid questions at each meeting and sub divided questions count towards this total. Questions and

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[Dorset Council Constitution](#) – Procedure Rule 13

6. 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.

7. COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME AND CABINET'S FORWARD PLAN 11 - 26

To consider the Committee's Work Programme and the Cabinet Forward Plan.

8. YOUNG CARERS 27 - 32

To receive a report by the Service Manager – Young and Thriving.

9. DEVELOPING THE HOUSING STRATEGY 33 - 56

To receive a report by the Housing Strategy Lead.

10. EXEMPT BUSINESS

To move the exclusion of the press and public for the following item in view of the disclosure of confidential information within the meaning of subsection (3)(a) of section 100A 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.

11. CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE REVIEW - STABLE HOMES, BUILT ON LOVE 57 - 64

To receive a report by the Corporate Director for Care and Protection.

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PEOPLE AND HEALTH OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2023

Present: Cllrs Mike Parkes (Chairman), Pauline Batstone (Vice-Chairman), Tony Alford, Jean Dunseith, Beryl Ezzard, Ryan Holloway and Cathy Lugg

Apologies: Cllrs Pete Barrow, Stella Jones and Rebecca Knox

Also present: Cllr Jane Somper

Also present remotely: Cllr Andrew Parry

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

Vivienne Broadhurst (Executive Director - People Adults), Julia Ingram (Interim Corporate Director for Adult Care), Amanda Davis (Corporate Director for Education and Learning), Paul Dempsey (Corporate Director - Care & Protection), Claire Shiels (Corporate Director - Commissioning, Quality & Partnerships), Mark Rogers (Independent Chair, Birth to Settled Adulthood Board), John Miles (Democratic Services Officer Apprentice) and George Dare (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

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

Jonathan Price (Interim Corporate Director for Commissioning)

55. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received by Cllrs Pete Barrow, Stella Jones, and Rebecca Knox.

56. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

57. **Minutes**

Proposed by Cllr Batstone, seconded by Cllr Ezzard.

Decision: That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2023 be confirmed and signed.

58. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

59. **Councillor Questions**

There were no questions from councillors.

60. **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

61. **Birth to Settled Adulthood - Independent Chair's Report**

The Lead Member for Health introduced the report. There were challenges ahead for the project, however there was strong leadership within the partnership. The project was providing better outcomes for families and young people.

The Independent Chair gave a presentation which is attached to these minutes. This has been a positive and productive year, and the programme was on track. The report focussed on four strengths and four areas of risk. Strengths included programme leadership, partnership commitment, political oversight, and programme planning. The areas of risk included focus, funding, workforce preparation, and communications and engagement.

Committee Members asked questions of the Independent Chair, who responded to the questions. The following points were raised:

- The programme was measuring sentiments, so the partnership can understand if people think the programme is getting better.
- The programme would not stop if there was no funding.
- There was a need to know how much is spent and where savings would need to be.
- The partnership was not particularly strong at the start of 2022; however, it has developed and there was a strong commitment from leaders.
- Relationships in the partnership were now more developed.
- There was a political commitment to change.
- The process to recruit a new programmed director had started.

Members asked for examples of the project and the difference it was making.

The Committee asked for another report of the Independent Chair at the meeting on 14 September 2023.

62. **Committee's Work Plan and Cabinet's Forward Plan**

The committee noted their work programme.

The Chairman asked for an interim report on the Housing Strategy to be brought to the meeting on 27 June.

63. **Exempt Business**

There was no exempt business.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 - 10.36 am

Chairman

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PEOPLE AND HEALTH OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22 MAY 2023

Present: Cllrs Mike Parkes (Chairman), Cathy Lugg (Vice-Chairman), Tony Alford, Jean Dunseith, Beryl Ezzard, Stella Jones, Rebecca Knox and Howard Legg

Also present: Cllr Cherry Brooks, Cllr Molly Rennie and Cllr Jane Somper

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

Vivienne Broadhurst (Executive Director - People Adults), Jonathan Price (Interim Corporate Director for Commissioning), George Dare (Senior Democratic Services Officer) and Elaine Tibble (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

1. **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

4. **Councillor Questions**

There were no questions from councillors.

5. **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

6. **Exempt Business**

Proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Alford.

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

7. **Day Opportunities for Adults in Dorset**

The Committee considered a report on behalf of the committee's task and finish group on Day Opportunities.

The Corporate Director for Commissioning introduced the report on behalf of the group and gave some background information on the task & finish group.

The committee discussed the report and recommendations.

Proposed by Cllr Lugg, seconded by Cllr Knox.

Decision: That the recommendations set out in Appendix 1 attached to these minutes, with minor amendments agreed by the committee, be recommended to Cabinet for implementation.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 - 10.52 am

Chairman

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People and Health Overview Committee Work Programme

Meeting Date: 27 June 2023

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Update on Children's Social Care Review		<p>Paul Dempsey – Corporate Director for Care and Protection</p> <p>Cllr Byron Quayle – Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills, and Early Help</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report exempt due to it containing confidential information.
Young Carers Report		<p>Simon Fraiz-Brown, Service Manager – Young & Thriving</p> <p>Cllr Byron Quayle – Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills, and Early Help</p>	
Developing the Housing Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To update the committee on the development of the Housing Strategy To consider how the committee can support the strategy through the consultation period. 	<p>Sharon Attwater – Service Manager for Housing Strategy and Performance</p> <p>Cllr Jane Somper – Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Health, and Housing</p>	

Meeting Date: 14 September 2023

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Birth to Settled Adulthood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive a report by the Independent Chair 	<p>Mark Rogers – Independent Chair</p> <p>Cllr Jane Somper – Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Health, and Housing</p> <p>Cllr Byron Quayle – Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills, and Early Help</p>	
<p>Families First for Children Pathfinder</p> <p>Page 12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review and comment on the report. To make recommendations to Cabinet – 3 October 2023 	<p>Paul Dempsey – Corporate Director for Care and Protection</p> <p>Cllr Byron Quayle – Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills, and Early Help</p>	

Meeting Date: 17 October 2023

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Ofsted Regulation of Supported Accommodation for 16- and 17-Year Olds		Claire Shiels – Corporate Director for Commissioning and Partnerships	

		Cllr Byron Quayle – Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills, and Early Help	
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Meeting Date: 30 November 2023

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information

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Meeting Date: 6 February 2024

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information

Meeting Date: 19 March 2024

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information

Unscheduled Committee Items

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Adults & Housing 10yr Transformation, Investment & Reform Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an update on the Adults & Housing 10-year Transformation, Investment & Reform programme. 	<p>Jonathan Price – Corporate Director for Commissioning</p> <p>Andrew Billany – Corporate Director for Housing</p> <p>Cllr Jane Somper – Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Health, and Housing</p>	
Community Safety Plan 2023-26 and Pan-Dorset Reducing Reoffending Strategy 2023-26		<p>Andy Frost – Service Manager for Community Safety</p> <p>Cllr Laura Beddow – Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to be considered by Cabinet and Full Council

Informal Work of the Committee:

Date	Topic	Format	Members	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information

27 June 2023	Work Programme Development Session	In-person meeting	People & Health Overview Committee Relevant Portfolio Holders	George Dare – Senior Democratic Services Officer Cllr Mike Parkes – Chairman of People & Health Overview Committee	To develop the committee's work programme for the year 2023-24.
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**The Cabinet Forward Plan - June to September 2023
For the period 1 MAY 2023 to 31 AUGUST 2023
(Publication date – 22 MAY 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 -

- (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
June 2023					
<p>Finance Report - Outturn 2022/2023</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider the Council's performance against its revenue budget in 2021/22 and the impact this has upon reserves, including the general fund.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 20 Jun 2023</p>		<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance</i> <i>heather.lappin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Aspire Annual Adoption Report</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To ensure that Cabinet is sighted on the Aspire Annual Adoption Report.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 20 Jun 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for People - Children, Education, Skills and Early Help</p>	<p><i>Louise Drury, Head of Service Children in Care and Care Leavers</i> <i>louise.drury@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i></p>
<p>Youth Justice Service Inspection</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To have oversight of the inspection report and of the action plan to address the report's recommendation.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 20 Jun 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for People - Children, Education, Skills and Early Help</p>	<p><i>David Webb, Manager - Dorset Combined Youth Justice Service</i> <i>david.webb@bcpcouncil.gov.uk</i>, <i>Paul Dempsey, Corporate Director - Care & Protection Tel: 01305 224513</i> <i>paul.dempsey@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i></p>

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<p>Transformation Annual Report 2022/23</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Annual Progress report on the council's 5-year transformation programme 2020- 2025. The report details progress made in year 2 of the plan.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 20 Jun 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Transformation</p>	<p><i>Nina Coakley, Programme Manager n.coakley@dorsetcc.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Council Plan Annual Report 2022/23</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>This is an annual progress report for the Dorset Council Plan 2022 - 24.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 20 Jun 2023</p>		<p>Leader of the Council</p>	<p><i>David Bonner, Service Manager for Business Intelligence and Performance david.bonner@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Steven Ford, Corporate Director for Climate and Ecological Sustainability Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Use of Compulsory Purchase Powers for land adjacent to Sunrise Business Park, Blandford</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt</p> <p>To secure a key site in Blandford for the development of a strategic waste transfer facility in central Dorset which will provide the</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 20 Jun 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities</p>	<p><i>Gemma Clinton, Head of Commercial Waste and Strategy gemma.clinton@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Jason Jones, Group Manager (Commissioning) jason.jones@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>

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capacity to maximise the benefits of operational efficiency and resilience to provide business continuity now and in future years.					
<p>New Approach to Engaging our Contingency Workforce</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt</p> <p>To present out preferred option for engaging agency workers and consultants in the future and seek agreement to enter into a Joint Venture with a partner organisation to create our own agency/broker.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 25 Jul 2023</p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee Place and Resources Overview Committee 6 Jun 2023 28 Jun 2023</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Transformation</p>	<p><i>Chris Matthews, Interim Head of HR christopher.matthews@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Day Opportunities for Adults in Dorset</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date</p>	<p>People and Health Overview Committee</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for People - Adult Social Care, Health and Housing</p>	<p><i>Mark Tyson, Commissioning Consultant mark.tyson@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults</i></p>
<p>Dorset Council Plan Priorities Update: Working with the Integrated Care System</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To receive a report of the Portfolio Holder for Social Care and Health.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 20 Jun 2023</p>		<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Jonathan Price, Interim Corporate Director for Commissioning jonathan.price@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults</i></p>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
July					
Quarter 1 2023/24 Financial Monitoring Report Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring Report 2023/24.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 25 Jul 2023		Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy	<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>
Youth Justice Plan 2023/224 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To review and receive the annual Youth Justice Plan.	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 13 Jul 2023	Cabinet 20 Jun 2023	Portfolio Holder for People - Adult Social Care, Health and Housing	<i>David Webb, Manager - Dorset Combined Youth Justice Service</i> <i>david.webb@bcpcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults</i>
Library Strategy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open The proposed library strategy is in the process of going through the second phase of consultation.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 25 Jul 2023	Joint Overview Committee 7 Jun 2023	Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities	<i>Kate Turner, Library Strategy Manager</i> <i>kate.turner@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i>
Adult Social Care - Reablement Hubs Key Decision - Yes	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 25 Jul 2023		Portfolio Holder for People - Adult Social Care, Health and Housing	<i>Jonathan Price, Interim Corporate Director for Commissioning</i> <i>jonathan.price@dorsetcoun</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
<p>Public Access - Open</p> <p>To provide an update on the reablement hubs and seek assurance on future plans.</p>					<p><i>cil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults</i></p>
<p>Dorset Council Plan Priorities Update: Housing for Local People</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To receive a report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 25 Jul 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for People - Adult Social Care, Health and Housing</p>	<p><i>Andrew Billany, Corporate Director for Housing</i> <i>andrew.billany@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults</i></p>
<p>Dorset Council's Digital Strategy</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider a report on Dorset Council's Digital Strategy.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 25 Jul 2023</p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 18 Apr 2023</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Transformation</p>	<p><i>Timothy Robertson, ICT Project Manager</i> <i>timothy.robertson@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Dugald Lockhart, Service Manager Digital Place</i> <i>dugald.lockhart@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>September</p>					
<p>Additional Procurement Forward Plan 2023-24 and incorporating the refresh of the annual Modern Slavery Transparency Statement</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 5 Sep 2023</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>Executive Director,</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>Public Access - Open</p> <p>Additional Procurement Forward Plan: Cabinet is required to approve all key decisions with financial consequences of £500k or more. This report will also incorporate the annual refresh of the Modern Slavery Transparency Statement for Cabinet's agreements.</p>					<p><i>Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Torset Council Plan Priorities Update: Value for Money (Unitary Council Benefits)</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To receive a report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 5 Sep 2023</p>		<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>October</p>					
<p>November</p>					
<p>Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order- Renewal</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 7 Nov 2023</p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Culture and</p>	<p><i>Janet Moore, Service Manager Environmental</i></p>

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Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To agree and adopt the draft order.			5 Oct 2023	Communities	<i>Protection</i> <i>Janet.Moore@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place</i> <i>(John Sellgren)</i>
Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring 2023/24 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring Report 2023/24.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 7 Nov 2023		Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy	<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>
December 2024					

January 2024

Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring Report 2023/24 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring Report 2023/24.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 30 Jan 2024		Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy	<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>
Budget strategy and medium-term	Decision Maker	Decision Date	Cabinet	Deputy Leader and	<i>Sean Cremer, Corporate</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
<p>financial plan (MTPF)</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>Dorset Council</p>	<p>13 Feb 2024</p>	<p>People and Health Scrutiny Committee Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee 30 Jan 2024 12 Jan 2024 17 Jan 2024</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>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>

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.

People and Health Overview Committee 27 June 2023 Young Carers

For Review and Consultation

Portfolio Holder: Cllr B Quayle, Children, Education, Skills and Early Help

Local Councillor(s): Cllr

Executive Director: T Leavy, Executive Director of People - Children

Report Author: Simon Fraiz-Brown
Job Title: Service Manager: Young and Thriving
Tel: 01305224776
Email: simon.fraiz-brown@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Report Status: Public

Brief Summary: This paper provides an overview of the needs of young carers, the role of the council in meeting these needs and the support available for young carers in Dorset. It sets out some of the challenges in identifying and supporting young carers and the work that is underway to address this.

Recommendation:

Members of People and Health Overview Committee are invited to comment on the support available for Young Carers and to support the developments approach to improving our support offer.

Reason for Recommendation: Young carers are a vulnerable and often unseen group of children and young people. Councils have a responsibility for identification and support to meet their needs.

1. **Context**

- 1.1 This paper provides an overview of the needs of young carers, the role of the council in meeting these needs and the support available for young

- carers in Dorset. It sets out some of the challenges in identifying and supporting young carers and the work that is underway to address this.
- 1.2 A young carer is a child or young person aged 18 or under who cares for a friend or family member who, due to illness, disability, mental health problems or an addiction, cannot cope without their support.
 - 1.3 National research by the Carers Trust ([*Being a young carer is not a Choice, it's just what we do*](#)) has indicated that whilst some progress is being made in supporting the lives of young carers, many young carers 'can feel very alone, overlooked or underappreciated'. They reported being particularly impacted by increases in the cost of living, their emotional wellbeing could be impacted and balancing caring responsibilities with education or work can be difficult and caring impacted on their ability to spend time with friends. The specific difficulties in balancing education and caring responsibilities are also identified as a specific issue affecting school attendance by the Children's Commissioner (*Attendance is everybody's business*).
 - 1.4 Young carers can be more likely to suffer poor health outcomes, with many young carers putting their own health needs on hold to prioritise the cared for person and those caring for an adult with mental health concerns can be more likely to suffer poor mental health themselves. Being a young carer can also place limitations on young people's aspirations and impact of life choices such as living independently, going to university and career paths.
 - 1.5 Councils are required to identify young carers and carry out assessments of the impact of caring on the child and whole family, but it can be challenging as they can often be isolated and hidden from view. It is common for young carers not to recognise that they are young carers until they are older, so it is important that the adults around them are able to identify and support them.
 - 1.6 Young Carers have the right to a 'carers assessment' to assess the effect on the young carers' wellbeing, health, education or friendships and to consider if they should be carrying out that level of care. Councils are required to provide information and advice and support lessening of the impact of caring responsibilities on wellbeing through providing access to activities including respite if appropriate.

2. **Supporting Young Carers in Dorset**

- 2.1 Carer Support Dorset is an externally commissioned organisation that supports carers of all ages from aged 5 years. Young carers can self-refer. They offer information and support to carers and maintain a register of those with caring responsibilities. Carer Support Dorset will also support young carers to co-produce services with Dorset Council and other agencies; raise awareness of young carers needs and provide training to other professionals; and support young carers to make the transition into adulthood. There are 285 young carers on the register.
- 2.2 Professionals who identify a child or young person who may be a young carer contact the Early Help Hub, who will triage the extent of the caring duties that the young person undertakes to determine whether a formal assessment is required by the Young Carers team. If this is not required, they will refer to carer Support Dorset who will place them on the register of carers. This enables us to identify any safeguarding concerns as early as possible and put the right support in place if that is required.
- 2.3 The Young Carers Team in Children's Services provides support to young carers that have been assessed as having a 'significant caring role' using nationally recognised tools that assess both the amount of care and the impact the care has on the wellbeing of the child or young person. They provide a range of support including breaks from the role; signposting to extra support for the young carer or cared for person; advocating for the young person; and offering 1:1 and group support. There are 109 young carers being supported by the team.
- 2.4 Rethink support young carers aged 16+ who have recently recruited a Young Adult Carer Lead to support them with this.
- 2.5 Dorset Council works closely with the charity MYTIME, who work across Dorset and BCP council areas. This charity offers direct support to children and young people who undertake a caring role which includes: opportunities to take part in positive activities and a break from caring during school holidays with other young carers; access to weekly virtual youth groups for different age groups; an Employability Programme providing support with access to further education and work including training for employers who support young carers. In addition, the charity offers a range of training for educational settings to support them to understand and respond to the needs of young carers including training for school leadership teams, governors and pastoral teams. They also deliver

assemblies to children and young people to support them to self-identify as young carers and to build empathy and understanding from their peers.

3. **Strengthening our offer**

- 3.1 **Identification of young carers** continues to be a priority area for action. It is likely that there are more young carers in Dorset than those that are currently on the carers register or receiving support from the young carers service. The 2021 census identified that 1.2% of the 5–17-year-old population are unpaid carer – representing around 590 children and young people. It is essential, therefore that we continue to work with colleagues working in education to identify young carers but also for those working in adult social care and health to ‘think young carer’ and ask the right questions as to who is providing care and ensuring that they are not providing inappropriate care.
- 3.2 **Involvement of young carers in decision making** for the people they care for is an area for continued focus. Both nationally and locally young carers have provided feedback that they often feel excluded from discussions about changes to medication and care plans, including at hospital discharge, even though they are often the person responsible to implementing those changes. Dorset young carers made a [short film](#) about this.
- 3.3 **Supporting health and wellbeing:** As young carers may be more likely to suffer poorer health outcomes, work is underway to promote information sharing with health colleagues, including updating consent processes so that this information can be held on a child’s health record.
- 3.4 **Supporting attendance:** We recognise the importance of supporting young carers to be able to participate fully in their education and historically it has been difficult to monitor this effectively. The Department of Education recently amended the school return to include any identified young carers, but this is voluntary on the part of schools. We will promote the importance of this data return as part of our ongoing work with schools and will continue to work with schools on the identification of and support to young carers alongside MYTIME.
- 3.5 **Entering adulthood:** Ensuring that we support young carers into adulthood is essential. The Young Carers Service stays alongside Young Carers beyond their 18th birthday to the end of the school year to support warm handovers but further joint work between children’s and adult services as part of our Birth to Settled Adulthood programme is underway

to ensure effective careers, advice and guidance; develop an effective transition pathway; and creating a specific offer of support from Carer Support Dorset to 18–25-year-olds.

4. **Financial Implications**

Support for young carers is provided through children’s services revenue budget and through the Better Care Fund. It is likely that as we continue to improve identification of Young Carers in Dorset, we will see increased need for support from our commissioned and in-house services. This may require us to review the current investment available to provide this support.

Unpaid carers make a vital contribution to the health and social care economy and there is evidence that the investing in support to young carers provides a return on the investment. A study into Sheffield Young Carers demonstrated the positive impact of their support to young carers in one year equated to between £1.42 and £1.90. This means that, for every £1 invested into the service, £1.42-£1.90 of economic benefit is estimated to be generated.

5. **Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Implications**

None identified through this report.

6. **Well-being and Health Implications**

Being a young carer can often have a significant impact on a young person’s health and well-being. Young carers may be investing a lot of time and energy into looking after a family member or friend and therefore not finding enough time for themselves. According to a report by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) being an unpaid young carer is associated with worse self-reported health – and the more hours of unpaid work per week, the more likely young carers were to report poor health. Young carers are up to 7 times as likely to report not being in good health compared to those who do no unpaid caring.

7. **Other Implications**

None

8. **Risk Assessment**

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

Current Risk: Low
Residual Risk: Low

9. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

Not undertaken for this report

10. **Appendices**

None

11. **Background Papers**

- [Being a young carer is not a choice; it's just what we do. Carers Trust, March 2023](#)
- [Attendance if everyone's business. Children's Commissioner's submission to the persistent absence enquiry, February 2023](#)
- [Hospital discharge and community support guidance, Department of Health and Social Care. July 2023](#)
- <https://www.ecorys.com/global/latest-news/ecorys-cost-benefit-analysis-shows-value-supporting-young-carers>
- [Young carers – RCPCH – State of Child Health](#)

People and Health Overview Committee 27 June 2023 Developing the Housing Strategy

For Review and Consultation

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Brief Summary: The purpose of the report is to provide the Committee with:

- an overview of the of the statutory requirements of the Housing Strategy and the opportunities this will bring for integration, collaboration and to do things differently in Dorset.
- an overview of the timeline for approval of the strategy to raise awareness of time pinch points.
- an update on the approach being taken to develop the strategy and the progress made to date.
- potential policy and strategy areas that would benefit from overview and scrutiny consideration, arising from the strategy development process.
- Seek support from the Committee to the approach to building the strategy and identify opportunities for continued engagement.

Recommendation:

- **Members support** the update on the approach and development of the Housing Strategy.
- **Agree** how the People and Health Overview Committee can support the strategy through the consultation period and its recommendation to Cabinet and Full Council for approval in December 2023.

Reason for Recommendation:

The housing strategy provides a real opportunity to identify priorities for improving access to housing in Dorset. The strategy recognises the importance of good, safe, environmentally sustainable, and affordable housing to enable our residents to live healthier and more independent lives. Early engagement of the People and Health Overview Committee in the process for its development will provide opportunities to identify the most important integration and health and wellbeing issues for inclusion in the strategy.

1. Report

- 1.1 All Councils are required to have a Housing Strategy under the Local Government Act 2003. The Act requires Dorset Council to have a clear vision for housing and that the strategy should set out objectives, targets, and policies on how It intends to manage and deliver its strategic housing role. It should also provide an overarching framework against which the Council considers and formulates other policies on more specific housing issues. The LGA stresses the importance of addressing all relevant issues, including homelessness and energy efficiency of housing stock and be consistent with any community strategies. As well as addressing local housing related issues, needs and challenges, the strategy should also reflect national policies and be agile enough to be able to adapt to changing landscapes in relation to housing law.

The Housing Strategy is not a stand-alone document, and it reflects on and links to the Council Plan, aims of the Transformation Programme, the draft Local Plan and key Council strategies and workstreams. The strategy is also part of our Policy Framework.

This document will replace the existing legacy housing strategies and create a single document which represents the needs of Dorset Council as one authority. The new strategy will set out our vision for housing in Dorset and will have five key objectives that will allow us to focus on creating positive changes for our area and the residents of Dorset.

As well as setting out our role as a housing enabler, the strategy needs to reflect Dorset Council's work with our stakeholders and partners, to deliver aspirations and actions set out in it. This means that we need to be clear about roles and responsibilities both internally and externally to ensure that we achieve this.

1.2 This strategy is due to be approved by Cabinet and Full Council in December 2023 and will go through a public consultation in July 2023.

1.3 This report updates Members on:

(i) Approach and principles to the developing the strategy.

(ii) Progress to date

(iii) Timeline

(iv) Next Steps

2 Approach to developing the strategy.

2.1 The proposal for developing the Housing Strategy was approved by Vivienne Broadhurst and Andrew Billany in May 2022 This proposal highlighted some principles for how we work in developing a strategy:

(i) Recognising the process as an opportunity to do things differently

(ii) Importance of using data and insights to inform the strategy.

(iii) Engaging with key internal and external stakeholders to sense check findings and the direction of the strategy.

(iv) Getting it right rather than doing it quickly

(v) Continuous review, engagement, and refresh, aiming for a live strategy, not something done once and 'left on a shelf'.

3. Progress to date

3.1 A project group was formed in 2022 and some initial work carried out to identify key stakeholders and engagement opportunities. Whilst some elements of the strategy development were identified and agreed at that time, including the format of the strategy, the work was not able to progress until the appointment of the Housing Strategy Lead in November 2022. Since that appointment work has continued at pace and the original timeline has been reduced significantly to ensure that the strategy is delivered by the end of 2023.

Research

- 3.2 The strategy is being developed using data from the 2021 Census; NOMIS; Council strategies and plans; information from partner agencies, and experiential evidence gained through a series of engagement events with internal and external partners and a public consultation.

Engagement

- 3.3 Internal and external engagement activities have taken place, and these include:
- Presentation to Extended Leadership Team
 - Presentation to Public Health Dorset
 - Presentation to Landlord's Forum
 - Meeting with EDI Reference Group
 - Staff engagement videos and surveys
 - Focussed meetings with key internal stakeholders, including providing feedback on the strategy for the provision of Extra Care and the Climate and Environment Strategy.
- 3.4 Further engagement is ongoing, including a market engagement event with Registered Providers. This will be a joint event with colleagues from Adults and Children's Services and we will be seeking feedback and buy-in from the RPs in relation to the provision of extra care and specialist supported housing units.

Leadership and engagement

- 3.5 The Housing Strategy was presented to the Extended Leadership Team in December 2022. The Team was asked to consider how the Strategy links in with, or impacts on, the wider Council and to identify challenges and opportunities for consideration during development of the strategy. The responses were analysed in January 2023 and feedback provided.

Member Engagement

- 3.6 A Member Housing Advisory Panel (MHAP) was created to provide Member overview and critical feedback. The Cabinet reshuffle, and a reduced timeline, resulted in a change of direction for Member involvement and the dissolving of MHAP. Member drop-in sessions and a Member

Briefing will take the place of the MHAP. Member workshops will also take place during the consultation period.

Engagement Outcomes

- 3.7 A Vision Statement for the housing strategy was developed at an MHAP meeting. The vision is “to ensure our residents have access to affordable, suitable, secure homes where they can live well as part of sustainable and thriving communities”.
- 3.8 Using feedback from evidential information, five key objectives were identified, together with an outline of what the council wishes to achieve in each of these areas. The proposed objectives formed part of an internal engagement exercise and the feedback shaped the formation of four objectives which will form part of the public consultation. In the initial stages we had considered having Environment as a fifth objective but recognised that this important issue features heavily in the Supply and Standards objectives and that having this as a separate objective would make it appear as a standalone. As a result, we are embedding the aims of the Environment section within the strategy document. See (Appendix 1 – Internal Engagement Analysis Report). The amended objectives were agreed by the project steering group, and these are:

Key objective	Aim
Housing Need: Enabling residents to live safe, healthy, independent lives in homes that meet their needs.	We will invest in and provide a selection of housing and support services that promote healthy, safe, and independent lives.
Housing Supply: Driving the delivery of homes people need and can afford to live in	We aim to increase the supply of affordable and social housing, which will help to ensure that all residents in Dorset have access to high-quality housing that is affordable to buy or rent. To achieve this, we will work with our partners to identify and support a range of housing options that meet the needs of our community.

<p>Housing Standards: Improving the quality, standard, and safety of homes.</p>	<p>We are committed to improving the quality of housing for everyone by forming strong partnerships, using resources wisely, and making sure that regulations are enforced.</p>
<p>Prevention of Homelessness: Support, at the right time, to people in crisis to prevent homelessness.</p>	<p>We recognise that we need to offer a range of housing options for people in crisis, and we are committed to tackling homelessness by providing support and assistance to help people find suitable long-term housing solutions.</p>
<p>Environment: Encourage housing supporting Dorset’s environment, heritage, and carbon-neutral goals.</p> <p>These aims are now embedded within the Supply and Standards sections of the strategy.</p>	<p>We are committed to contributing actively to the protection and enhancement of Dorset's unique environment and heritage. We understand that the environment plays a critical role in our quality of life, and we will work to ensure that our housing strategy is aligned with our broader environmental goals. Our Housing Strategy recognises the importance of balancing development with the need to maintain the character and integrity of our natural environment. We are committed to working with our partners to ensure that new housing developments are designed and built to the highest environmental standards.</p>

Timeline

- 3.9 The original timeline showed final approval of the strategy set for March 2024. The strategy will now go to Cabinet and then Full Council in December 2023.
- 3.10 To mitigate this risk of slippage, we are planning to actively engage with Members throughout the development of the strategy and we would ask for support of this Committee with this process.



Next Steps

- 3.11 A public consultation will commence on the 24th of July and run for 10 weeks. During the consultation we will present the evidence, the proposed four objectives and the direction that the council is considering taking to achieve these objectives. On a weekly basis, the Housing Strategy Lead will receive a report of the responses to the consultation. Using this data, we will start to draft the final strategy document, with a view to amending following the October consultation findings report.

The consultation will consist of an online consultation questionnaire, and workshops with key stakeholders and Members. We will work with the EDI Reference group to ensure that the consultation reaches a diverse range of customers and with the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils to ensure that our rural customers are given their chance to take part.

The strategy will be developed in line with each of the key objectives and will include an Introduction and a Foreword from the Lead Member. As each of these sections is drafted it will go through an approval process, including feedback and recommended amendments from specialist peer groups and the project Steering Group before being presented to this Committee again in November.

- 3.12 Work will begin during July to create the public consultation documents and a communications campaign will start to appear on social media, and external webpages, to raise awareness of the consultation and generate interest.

4. Financial Implications

A transformation bid was made to recruit the Housing Strategy Lead and a Project Support Assistant. To date, we have not recruited to the Assistant post, and we are managing this workload within the existing Housing resources.

5. Natural Environment, Climate and Ecology Implications

No direct implications from the development of the strategy. The strategy looks to support the aims of the Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Strategy with sustainable development and construction and increasing standards of existing homes featuring within the Supply and Standards objectives.

6. Well-being and Health Implications

The strategy recognises the impact that housing has on health and wellbeing and, at its heart, seeks to improve conditions for all residents, through the provision of housing which meets need and is affordable.

7. Other Implications

None

8. Risk Assessment

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

Current Risk: Medium

Residual Risk: Medium

9. Equalities Impact Assessment

An EQIA is being developed with support and advice from the EDI Reference Group

10. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Internal Engagement Analysis Report.

11. Background Papers

None.

Appendix 1



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HOUSING STRATEGY

INTERIM INTERNAL ENAGEMENT REPORT

Produced by Sarah Smith

April 2023

<p>What was the engagement about?</p>	<p>The purpose of the internal engagement was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the challenges facing Dorset Council and our residents, in relation to housing. • Assess whether the proposed objectives for the Housing Strategy would meet these challenges. • Gain a ‘boots on the ground’ perspective of the challenges facing Dorset residents in relation to housing. • Establish what work is already being undertaken to meet these challenges and what we could be doing to improve housing options and outcomes for Dorset residents.
<p>Over what period did this engagement take place?</p>	<p>Engagement started in December 2022 with a presentation the Extended Leadership team. A staff survey was opened in February 2023 and is currently still running. The internal engagement will last up until the delivery of the housing strategy for public consultation in July 2023.</p>
<p>Level of response</p>	<p>To date, eighty-seven staff members have completed the internal engagement survey. The survey remained open until the end of April.</p> <p>There have been several group/team meetings which have been shown a housing strategy presentation and have provided feedback.</p> <p>Feedback has also been obtained via meetings with services leads.</p> <p>Internal and some focused external engagement will continue throughout April & May and a final report will be prepared at that stage.</p>

What is the reason for the interim report?	Whilst the internal engagement is continuing, early assessment of the responses has indicated that a change of the wording of the proposed objectives should be considered, to provide greater clarity and direction, and to meet plain English requirements.

The Engagement

Respondents were asked to consider:

- Whether they agreed with the objectives which were proposed for the strategy
- What the challenges they and their clients faced, in relation to housing.
- How housing related issues impacted on the work they do.
- The work they are currently doing to resolve these issues.
- What Dorset could do to resolve housing issues if there were no barriers.

Analysis Method

Questions which required a Yes or No answer were considered alongside open text responses.

Open text responses were grouped, to identify common themes and similar feedback and given a score based on the number of times those themes were mentioned.

YES & NO Responses

1. Do you agree that this is the right objective for the housing strategy? SUPPLY - To assist, influence, and provide support for a range of high-quality housing options for Dorset residents, which are affordable for them to buy or rent, and live in.

96% YES 4% NO

2. Do you agree that this is the right objective for the housing strategy? STANDARDS - To improve the quality of housing for everyone by forming strong partnerships, using resources wisely and making sure regulations are enforced.

95% YES 5% NO

3. Do you agree that this is the right objective for the housing strategy? CHOICE AND HOUSING NEED - To tackle homelessness by offering a range of housing options for people in crisis, and to support them to find suitable long term housing solutions.
98% YES 2% NO

4. Do you agree that this is the right objective for the housing strategy? PARTNERSHIPS - To invest in and provide a selection of housing support services which promote healthy, safe, and independent lives.
93% YES 7% NO

5. Do you agree that this is the right objective for the housing strategy? ENVIRONMENT - To contribute actively to the protection and enhancement of Dorset's unique environment and heritage.
92% YES 8% NO

Overall, there was a significant majority who felt that these were the right objectives for the strategy. However, analysis of the open text section showed that both yes and no voters felt that they were not worded in an accessible or plain English way.

Those who answered NO did so, not in response to the objective, but in response to the way it was worded.

Open Text Responses

For each question, the responses were analysed to identify key words. Those with the highest response were:

SUPPLY - To assist, influence, and provide support for a range of high-quality housing options for Dorset residents, which are affordable for them to buy or rent, and live in.		
Objective	Key word	Summary of Feedback
1. Supply	Affordable	Affordable was the most used word and is linked to two further areas of feedback. Main points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategy and objectives to be clear on what affordable means. 2. Greater supply of affordable housing needed for younger people and working age residents.

	Supply	<p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More homes needed for younger people and working age residents. 2. More affordable homes for people to buy or rent. 3. Homes in areas where people want to live.
	Clarify & Re-word	<p>Combined these were the highest scoring keywords.</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use plain English. 2. Make it clearer. 3. use language which is easier to understand and less open to interpretation.
	Local people	<p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prioritise housing for Dorset residents. 2. Reduce inward migration. 3. Planning policies should reflect this.
	Second homes & Holiday Homes	<p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce numbers of second homes. 2. Influence sale of homes to Dorset residents. 3. Dorset residents should be given first choice on any open market homes. <p>*Note: second and holiday homes features more widely in the feedback and I would recommend that, as an action for the Strategy, we revisit the findings in the Local Plan – Second Home Paper and the we follow up on the recommendations made in 8.1.3 of that document - <i>commissioning of further studies to look into the implications, and</i></p>

		<i>extraction of more local evidence may indicate that a policy could be beneficial for Dorset</i>
	Working Age & First Time (Buyers & Renters)	<p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More affordable housing needed for working age & young people. 2. Housing as a tool to increase working age population of Dorset. 3. Housing to support young people to remain in Dorset.
	Accessible & Meets Need	<p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Properties need to accessible or easily adaptable. 2. Build lifetime homes. 3. Build a mix of housing to suit a diverse range of needs.
	Council Housing	<p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council to build housing on its own land. 2. Consideration to be given for Dorset to become a housing landlord. 3. More conversations and debate needed around this issue.
	Location & Right Place	<p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build homes in easy reach of employment and amenities. 2. Homes should be provided where there is the most need.
STANDARDS - To improve the quality of housing for everyone by forming strong partnerships, using resources wisely and making sure regulations are enforced.		
Objective	Key word	Summary of Feedback

2. Standards	Energy efficiency	<p>The highest individual score and reflected concerns relating to both standards of homes, renewable energy, and affordability.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Energy efficient homes 2. Renewable energy options for all new developments.
	Clarify, Re-Word & Partnerships	<p>Combined these were the highest scoring keywords.</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make the objective clearer. 2. use language which was easier to understand and less open to interpretation. 3. Partnerships should be within the strategy but not the objective.
	Housing standards	<p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve private rented accommodation. 2. Housing condition is a priority. 3. Need to clearly define what acceptable standards are for existing and new build properties.
	Enforcement & Targeted Enforcement	<p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make sure rules and regulations are enforced. 2. Targeted enforcement against bad housing landlords.
	Private Rented Sector	<p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standard of private rented needs to increase. 2. Private rent regulation needed. 3. Improve landlord services to tenants. 4. Target bad housing landlords.

CHOICE AND HOUSING NEED - To tackle homelessness by offering a range of housing options for people in crisis, and to support them to find suitable long term housing solutions.		
Objective	Key word	Summary of Feedback
3. Choice and Need	Support Services & Supported Housing	<p>Combined these were the most often used keywords.</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More specialist supported housing needed. 2. Support needed for homeless people to help them to sustain tenancies. 3. Support and education services for prospective tenants in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment • Tenancy sustainability • Empowerment • Debt & financial management.
	Re-word, Clarify & Too Narrow	<p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Objective is too narrow. 2. Housing need and homelessness should be separate objectives.
	Prevention	<p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Focus should be on prevention of homelessness. 2. More options to support applicants to remain in their homes. 3. If homeless, support clients to find homes which meet their needs.
	Publicise Services	<p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More publicity needed about the true state of homelessness and challenges with finding housing in Dorset. 2. More publicity to show that social housing is not a quick or easy option.

		3. More information to show what services are available through partner agencies.
	Temporary Accommodation, Modular Housing	<p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More temporary accommodation needed. 2. Different types of temporary accommodation needed. 3. A wider geographical spread of temporary accommodation needed across Dorset.
PARTNERSHIPS - To invest in and provide a selection of housing support services which promote healthy, safe, and independent lives.		
Objective	Key word	Summary of Feedback
4. Partnerships	Clarify, Remove Re-word,	<p>Note: This objective drew the least number of free text responses, and these were mostly about housing need, rather than partnerships.</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partnership working fits within all objectives not as a standalone. 2. Dorset Council already exceptionally good at partnership working. 3. Actions within the strategy <p>Whilst there was a call for the objective to be re-worded or clarified, based on the commentary it would sit better as an action within the strategy, rather than a standalone objective.</p>
	Supported Housing	<p>Main point:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More specialist supported housing needed.

	Care leavers	Main point: 1. More accommodation for care leavers
	Independent living & independent lives	Main point: 1. Greater access to accommodation which would facilitate independent living.
ENVIRONMENT - To contribute actively to the protection and enhancement of Dorset's unique environment and heritage.		
Objective	Key word	Summary of Feedback
5. Environment	Re-word & Clarify	Main point: 1. Make clearer. 2. Show how this links to housing. 3. Link to Council's carbon neutral goal.
	Planning policy, Local Plan, Other strategies	Main points: 1. Should link to and reflect planning policy and the draft Local Plan. 2. Should link to and reflect Dorset's Climate strategy. 3. As this is covered in other strategies does it need to be a main objective for this strategy.
	Energy efficiency, solar panels, net zero, housing standards	Main points: 1. Links to housing standards and affordability. 2. Homes need to be energy efficient. 3. Solar panels and renewable energy for all new developments.
	Green spaces & green developments	Main points: 1. Developments need to have green spaces. 2. Developers to plant trees and hedges.

		3. Don't build on green spaces.
	Brownfield sites, empty properties, council assets	Main points: 1. Develop on brownfield sites. 2. Better use of empty residential and commercial units, including Council owned assets.

Challenges for Dorset Council

These responses come from both the staff survey as well as group and 1:1 feedback.

Lack of available private rented accommodation.	This represents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the challenge for services who are trying to find suitable private rented accommodation to place their clients. • the challenge for services trying to recruit staff. • the challenge for staff trying to find housing for themselves.
Limited stock in certain areas	Areas mentioned included: Weymouth & Portland West Dorset Bridport
Landlords refusing referrals & nominations.	Both private and registered providers mentioned, specifically in relation to refusing single homelessness.
Lack of affordable housing	Better access to more affordable housing and a wider range of properties to meet housing needs.

Supported housing	Greater need for specialist supported housing for Dorset residents, covering a wider area.
Cost of housing & impact on economy	Cost of housing means that Dorset residents have less to spend in local shops & business creating a financial impact on local economy.
Housing for young people & working age residents	Lack of affordable housing for younger Dorset residents and those of working age. This is pushing people out. Links to recruitment.
Clients living on boats and in caravans/camper vans.	Although not fully understanding why, it has been noted that more people are living in boats and caravans.
Cost of living & energy prices	Increased homelessness approaches from clients who cannot afford to live in their homes.
Delays in planning approval	Delays in approval of planning applications is creating a barrier to the delivery of new homes.
Planning policy	Need to tighten loopholes which are allowing developers to avoid provision of affordable housing.
Care Leavers	Struggling to access housing either through housing register or in the private rented sector.
Housing Impact on Health & Wellbeing	The impact of poor, or lack of, housing on health & wellbeing was a key topic with many stating that it is the foundation for good health.

Lack of housing for key workers.	Acknowledging the need for housing for low-paid key workers and those providing essential services, as well as the impact on the ability to recruit to these professions due to housing.
Council Run Schemes	Increase Council run care schemes for older people.
Increased temporary accommodation	Increase in number, type, and area to avoid additional costs.
Low Carbon Dorset Team	The team have been trying to work with registered providers to support them to create energy efficient homes, renewable energy, and electricity infrastructures. This has proven challenging.
Second homes & holiday lets	Concerns as to the levels of second homes, and holiday lets, and the impact these have on stock availability for long term rental. This pushes up the cost to buy or rent remaining stock.
Local Housing Allowance	Needs to be reviewed as has not increased in several years and impacting on rental affordability.
New developments	<p>Various comments in relation to new developments including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health involvement at planning stage • Green spaces & landscaping on each development • Design sensitive to local environment and character • Energy efficient homes & renewable energy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater level of affordable % • Travel & infrastructure
Ageing population	<p>Our ageing population was mentioned in a few different ways, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of care home placements and impact on Council resources. • Impact on availability of homes for working age families. • Occupancy levels of homes (see point above) • Driving up price of homes • Need for housing suitable for older people (relating to mobility issues)
Housing Needs	<p>As well as being affordable, a wide range of housing is needed to meet the needs of Dorset residents including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger homes for families • One bedroom accommodation • Homes which meet disability & mobility needs • Life-time homes or those which can be easily adapted to meet changing needs. • Supported housing for those with specialist needs. • Homes in areas people want to live – linked to social isolation.

The ongoing engagement will dig deeper into these issues to ensure that they have been properly understood and are reflected accurately in the strategy.

Decisions made following engagement.

Based on feedback and analysis the recommendations which made and agreed were:

1. Re-word objectives to simplify and clarify.
2. Separate Housing Need and Homelessness in to two objectives.

3. Remove partnerships as an objective and include within the body of each section.
4. Remove Environment as a separate objective and embed throughout the strategy.
5. Re-order to provide clarity and flow within the strategy document.

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