



People and Health Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday, 11 September 2023
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum: 3)

Gill Taylor (Chairman), Molly Rennie (Vice-Chairman), Piers Brown, Robin Cook, Nick Ireland, Paul Kimber, Louie O'Leary, Jon Orrell, Bill Pipe and Belinda Ridout

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Agenda

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1.	APOLOGIES	
	To receive any apologies for absence.	
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3.	MINUTES	5 - 10
	To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2023.	

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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. REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AND HOMES FOR UKRAINE - UPDATE REPORT 11 - 22

To receive a report by the Corporate Director for Commissioning and Partnerships.

8. REGISTERED PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL HOUSING 23 - 32

To receive a report on behalf of the Registered Providers working group.

9. COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME AND CABINET'S FORWARD PLAN 33 - 46

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

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 exempt items scheduled for this meeting.

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PEOPLE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3 JULY 2023

Present: Cllrs Gill Taylor (Chairman), Molly Rennie (Vice-Chairman), Piers Brown, Robin Cook, Nick Ireland, Paul Kimber, Jon Orrell, Mary Penfold and Belinda Ridout

Apologies: Cllrs Louie O'Leary

Also present: Cllr Graham Carr-Jones, Cllr Jane Somper and Cllr David Walsh

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

Theresa Leavy (Executive Director of People - Children), Jonathan Price (Interim Corporate Director for Commissioning), Julia Ingram (Interim Corporate Director for Adult Care), Andrew Billany (Corporate Director for Housing), George Dare (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Sharon Attwater (Service Manager for Housing Strategy and Performance), Sam Brand (Service Manager for Housing Advice and Homelessness), Sue Evans (Head of Specialist Services), Sarah How (Service Manager for Housing Solutions), Joshua Kennedy (Apprentice Democratic Services Officer), Lou Ford (Performance Business Partner), Dr Dean Spencer (Chief Operating Officer, NHS Dorset) and Becky Whale (Deputy Director – UEC and Flow Operations, NHS Dorset).

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

David Bonner (Service Manager for Business Intelligence and Performance)

1. **Apologies**

An apology for absence was received by Cllr Louie O'Leary.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Ireland declared that he is a Governor of Dorset HealthCare and that his wife worked at Yeovil Hospital and was a trustee at the Lantern Trust which was referred to in a report.

3. **Minutes**

Proposed by Cllr Ridout, seconded by Cllr Ireland.

Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2023 be confirmed and signed.

4. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

5. Councillor Questions

There were no questions from councillors.

6. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items.

7. Performance of Out of Hospital

The Corporate Director for Commissioning and the Chief Operating Officer of NHS Dorset gave a presentation which is appended to these minutes. The following points were covered in detail during the presentation: hospital discharge pathways, including discharge to assess and discharge into adult social care; building the right capacity in the community and Home First; performance and discharge data pre- and post-Covid; the number of people currently awaiting discharge from hospital.

At this point in the meeting Cllr Gill Taylor declared for transparency that her husband was a member of the step-up process which was mentioned in the presentation.

Members discussed the presentation and asked questions of the officers. The following points were raised:

- Where possible patients that are discharged to care homes would be placed locally.
- There was an average stay of 28 days in a Discharge to Assess or reablement bed which was an interim placement to help support people to get back home.
- There was not any seasonality to the preferred discharge pathway. There are more respiratory problems during the winter, such as flu, which may cause seasonality in the numbers.
- There was more work to do to use the full potential of IT systems.
- Relating to the 168 individuals waiting for discharge, this number was across all Dorset hospitals and sites. On the day of the committee, there were 70 people in Dorset County Hospital waiting for discharge.
- The number of people waiting for discharge decreased in April and May but had increased following those months due to industrial action and bank holidays.
- If someone has a care package upon arrival at hospital, the package would be kept open if they were likely to be discharged quickly. This enabled continuity of care.
- Patients would be offered reablement if they would benefit from it if it was needed.

The committee was satisfied with the presentation and responses. It was noted and the committee could receive an update in a year.

8. **Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy Review 2023**

The Lead Member for Housing and the Corporate Director for Housing introduced the report. The strategy provided a plan to tackle and prevent homelessness and it was supported by an action plan. This review considered the progress against the action plan and strategy. Members heard that the number of people at risk of homelessness has risen so it was important to ensure that the resourcing was right.

During discussion the following points were raised:

- The strategy had a public consultation and a service-user consultation.
- In relation to the top two reasons for homelessness, these were trying to be reduced through improving the landlord incentive.
- The majority of rough sleepers were in Weymouth and the housing service has been dependent on accommodation in Weymouth.
- The service could be more preventative rather than reactive through information campaigns and looking at council tax arrears.
- Many landlords were good, and the landlord forums were well attended.
- In order to protect tenants, the housing service would like to be able to use enforcement powers earlier. They were also waiting for national policy changes.
- End of private rented accommodation can be caused through landlords leaving the market. There was a need to see whether houses were then being sold or re-let.
- A member suggested renaming the strategy to the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Prevention Strategy.
- In response to a question on increasing temporary accommodation and funding for this, the council has done well receiving government grants for temporary accommodation, however the council has to be cautious about where the funding is from in the future.

Proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Kimber, the committee made the following recommendation:

That the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Health, and Housing oversees the revised action plan.

9. **Housing Allocation Policy Review 2023**

The Lead Member for Housing introduced the report. He explained that this was the first time the Housing Allocation Policy has been reviewed since 2019 and it was a statutory requirement to have the policy.

The committee discussed the report and asked questions of the officers. The following points were raised:

- If it was possible to incentivise downsizing homes if there was funding available for it.
- Second homes and Air B&Bs were an issue and owners were being encouraged to bring the homes back into use.
- In response to a question on key worker housing, the committee was advised that there was an intention to develop a joint strategy with local health services about access to housing.
- Social housing lettings plans were on new build sites to ensure mixed communities and local lettings plans were in areas with anti-social behaviour so vulnerable people do not move there.
- In relation to the local connection part of the policy, most lets were going to people who meet the more local requirements, and most people were not moving across the council area.
- A member queried whether housing prioritisation could be streamlined using the Dorset Care Record to check their local need? In response officers informed that this was something that could be looked into.

Proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Ridout.

Decision

That the implementation of the minor amendments identified be supported.

10. Scrutiny Performance Review

The Service Manager for Business Intelligence and Performance outlined the following areas of concern raised during a review of the performance dashboard:

- The percentage of long-term clients reviewed in the last 12 months.
- The number of care leavers in B&B accommodation.
- The number of first-time entrants into the Youth Justice System.
- The rate of children with a child protection plan per 10,000
- The percentage of looked after children placed outside the council area.

Officers responded to the performance areas and members asked questions of the officers. The following points were raised:

- The target for number of reviews would ideally be 100%. There are some people that receive multiple reviews due to changing need.
- There was only 1 care leaver in B&B accommodation.
- The target for children with a child protection plan was below the national average. It was important that the right children were being protected.
- Some children were placed outside the council area because they were living with family who live elsewhere.
- Where children are placed is often reviewed to ensure they are in the right place. It would be inappropriate to make changes to where children are

placed during exam periods. Family circumstances may change allowing them to return home.

11. Committee's Work Programme and Cabinet's Forward Plan

The committee noted the work programme and Cabinet Forward Plan.

An informal work programme development session was held following the meeting.

12. Exempt Business

There was no exempt business.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 am - 12.40 pm

Chairman

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People and Health Scrutiny Committee

11 September 2023

Refugee Resettlement and Homes for Ukraine – update report

For Review and Consultation

Portfolio Holder: Cllr L Beddow, Culture and Communities
Cllr B Quayle, Children, Education, Skills and Early Help

Local Councillor(s): All

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

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Report Status: Public

Brief Summary: This paper provides an update on the progress that Dorset Council and partners have made in responding to the needs of people escaping conflict in Ukraine and those hosting them through the Homes for Ukraine scheme. The report includes an update on other resettlement activity for which the council is responsible. Upon receipt of a report in October 2022, members of the Committee were particularly interested in understanding the financial impact of this activity and any impact on delivery of council services. This report provides an update on these issues.

Recommendation:

Members of the committee are invited to comment on the progress made and impact of the work.

Reason for Recommendation:

Dorset has a long history of offering a warm welcome to those displaced by conflict, violence and persecution. Refugee resettlement plays a key role in supporting the global response to humanitarian crisis – saving lives and offering

stability to those most in need of protection. Councils are required to deliver a 'Home for Ukraine' programme to respond to the conflict in Ukraine. This is being delivered alongside other resettlement programmes including participation in the mandatory National Transfer Scheme for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) and voluntary participation in UK Resettlement scheme.

1. Introduction and Background

1.1 This report provides an update to members of the Scrutiny Committee on how Dorset Council and partners are responding to meeting the needs of people escaping the conflict in Ukraine and those that are hosting them through the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme and how these fit with the other resettlement activity taking place within the county. The report will focus on the Homes for Ukraine Scheme, UK Resettlement Scheme and our responsibilities towards unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.

2. Homes for Ukraine

2.1 In response to the conflict in Ukraine, local councils were required to deliver certain activities to deliver a 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme. For the first year of operation the council received funding based on a funding formula of £10,500 for all arrivals prior to 1st April 2023, which then reduced to £6,500 per arrival after that date. In Year 1, this funding amounted to £8.4 million. This funding must cover the all the costs of delivery of the scheme over 3 years to provide support to hosts and guests during the entire length of their stay.

2.2 These activities include sponsor suitability checks and payments, guest welfare checks and interim payments, housing support and service referrals, support to access education and administration of payments to schools and early years settings.

2.3 An overview of the current status of the programme is provided below:

(a) 445 host households have supported 974 guests since the beginning of the scheme:

- There are currently 440 guests staying with 191 host households through the scheme.
- There are currently 36 guests waiting to arrive.
- The pace of arrivals has reduced significantly.

(b) Hosts were initially asked to offer homes for a minimum of 6 months and as these hosting arrangements have come to an end guests have either been supported to be rematched to a new host household or to secure alternative arrangements. 69 families (146 individuals) have now had successful rematches to new hosts and we are currently arranging rematches for 27 families (58 individuals). The number in temporary accommodation is low with 2 families (5 individuals).

(c) 537 Ukrainian guests have left the scheme. Of these:

- 52% have moved into independent accommodation in Dorset
- 5% have moved to independent accommodation in other local authority areas
- 25% have returned to Ukraine
- 8% have left the UK to go to other countries
- 5% have transferred to a Homes for Ukraine Scheme in other local authority areas
- 5% have left for other reasons

(d) The grant funding that has been provided for this programme has been used to employ temporary additional workforce to deliver the requirements of the programme to ensure that there is sufficient capacity to deliver this work in addition to the council's usual business. This workforce includes a service manager for the programme, customer service advisors (Ukraine response team), family workers, and housing officers. The grant funding has also been applied to other areas of the council's activity where additional costs have been incurred such as waste and transport. Grant funding has also been used to support other activities, such as winter fuel payments for hosts and community organisations.

2.4 The following case study is provided to offer insight into the work to support people through the Homes for Ukraine programme (names have been changed):

- The Kovalenko family arrived in Dorset to stay with a host family. Local school places were secured and they were provided with and formed a good support network. One parent has secured a job locally. The host family supported them to stay for one year, with 3 months' notice to find alternative accommodation. As they were so settled in work and school the family really wanted to stay in the same town. A multi-disciplinary team from the council and support from the voluntary and community

sector worked with the family to prevent homelessness. An affordable private rented property was secured using rent in advance and landlord incentives and second-hand furniture was sourced and support provided from the community and community organisations and the family is now well settled. The host family fed back that they had a good experience and appreciated the help and support from Dorset Council and partners and although taking a break from hosting have not ruled out hosting another family in the future.

3. UK Resettlement Scheme

- 3.1 The Resettlement team continue to support the UK Resettlement Scheme and following the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy and the Afghan Citizen Resettlement Team. These are voluntary schemes which the council has committed to participate in.
- 3.2 Councils receive a payment of £10,500 per individual arriving, but payment works differently to the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Individuals and families are housed in privately rented properties that the landlord has offered or agreed to rent to refugee families. The team also works with community groups and local charities who help families settle in Dorset or who sponsor people to arrive through a community sponsorship scheme.
- 3.2 Since 2016, the resettlement team has settled almost 130 Syrian and Afghan refugees through these schemes and are currently directly supporting twelve families. Five Afghan families have arrived since July 2022 and, with the planned closure of all the Home Office Afghan bridging hotels by August 2023, we are expecting to welcome a further four Afghan families by December. Availability of local affordable housing remains the largest challenge in the programme.
- 3.3 The following case study is provided to indicate the work that has been completed. Names have been changed.
 - Arriving to the UK the Lal family were initially accommodated in a bridging hotel and accepted the first offer of accommodation bringing them to Dorset. One of the adults, a qualified teacher has secured work as a teaching assistant and very much hopes to be able to do so again at some point. Their partner is working hard to improve their English and wishes to retrain as a social worker in the UK. Support to settle here has been given by the team to secure access to healthcare, education, banks and bills. There is close working with partners and volunteers come alongside to

offer much support including practising English. The family miss their family and friends in Afghanistan and very much hope to travel back when it is safe for them to do so.

- 3.4 The resettlement team is fully funded through this programme and spend is in line with the grant conditions.

4. Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children

- 4.1 The council is required to provide care for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. While their claim is processed, they are cared for by a local authority and have child in care status. The local authority in which the child first arrives is normally responsible for their care. This has placed a disproportionate pressure on some local authorities who have significant ports of entry such as Kent, and in Croydon where the Asylum Entry Point is based. In response to these pressures the government introduced a National Transfer Scheme, originally voluntary, it was made mandatory in 2021 and Dorset Council is currently required to take children up to a number equal to 0.1% of our child population. This is 67 unaccompanied children. This percentage of population allocation to Local Authorities has already been raised during the life of the scheme and we anticipate that it may continue to rise with the increasing number of arrivals this summer.
- 4.2 Local authorities are required to participate in a rota system as part of the national transfer scheme and to seek placements for all the children on the rota. This work is coordinated regionally and there is a requirement of local authorities to find placements for and arrange transfers for all the children allocated to them within 10 days. As a result of a recent [High Court ruling](#) ending the use of hotels for unaccompanied children, there is increasing pressure on local authorities to comply with all elements of the National Transfer Scheme and to provide placements in a timely way. These are challenging timescales and it has been difficult for us to meet them. The Secretary of State for Education and senior civil servants for the Home Office are in regular contact with the council about performance in this area.
- 4.3 The council receives £1001 per week to support unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, which reduces to £270 per week when they turn 18 and become care leavers. The cost of placements and the associated travel costs for social workers, personal advisors and other practitioners to travel out of county continues to be a budget pressure.

- 4.4 In recognition of the urgency and scale of the challenge, incentivised payments of £6,000 lump sum per child have been introduced for all local authorities that transfer children from hotels within 5 working days and for any transfer from Kent County Council to another council. Local councils also have discretion to apply flexibilities to placements with foster carers in certain circumstances and the Department for Education has written to remind local authorities of this. This means that where it is appropriate, we can consider increasing the number of children that foster carers can have placed with them and sharing of bedrooms in certain circumstances which do not need to go back to fostering panel for approval.
- 4.5 At the time of writing there are 57 of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children being cared for by Dorset Council, equating to 13% of our Children in Care Population. As outlined in the previous report to scrutiny it continues to be difficult to secure enough local provision and many of these children are placed out of county. Currently there are nine children placed in Dorset with all others placed in neighbouring authorities and further afield. There are 50 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children who are care leavers and receiving support from PAs, with 13 living in Dorset.
- 4.6 We are working on identification of additional local provision both with externally commissioned providers as well as local sources of accommodation.
- 4.7 The Executive Director of People – Children is bringing together colleagues from across the council to seek to address this challenge with meetings on a weekly basis.
- 4.8 The following case studies are provided to offer insight into the work of the team (names have been changed)
- Bisrat was born in Eritrea, his mother died when he was young and he was cared for by his father there until his father was imprisoned, moving to be cared for by extended family where he remained for over a decade until they could no longer care for him. He travelled alone, arriving in the UK and transferred to Dorset Council's care in 2022 through the National Transfer scheme. Bisrat is living with experienced foster carers out of county who are providing consistent and safe care and committed to care for him long term, including past his 18th birthday. He has had support to learn English, is doing well at the local college and has made friends. The social work team and others are supporting him now with his application for asylum and the outcome of

this will impact any future plans in respect to accommodation and employment.

- Okot is now 20 years old, originally from Sudan. He fled his village following an attack and was separated from his parents. Initially staying in the mountains with relatives, they all became unsafe and fled to Libya, where they continued to be unsafe. He was separated from his family when travelling to Europe. He met another Sudanese young person and they travelled for several months, arriving in Dorset where he was immediately brought into our care. Okot has completed his education and been granted refugee status with leave to remain for 5 years. Okot has been successful in securing an apprenticeship and volunteers to support other young people.

5. Associated activity

- 5.1 We have accessed funding available via DLUHC under the Local Authority Housing Fund, which is an innovative capital fund that supports local authorities in England to obtain housing for those who are unable to find settled accommodation on resettlement schemes. In Round 1, £500 million of funding was made available for local authorities to obtain accommodation for families with housing needs who have arrived in the UK via Ukrainian and Afghan resettlement and relocation schemes. In Dorset this will enable the purchase of 30 properties to alleviate homelessness duties for Ukrainian and Afghan families, and in the longer term this will provide a new and permanent supply of accommodation, increasing the number of homes in the wider social and affordable housing system.
- 5.2 We have coordinated work carried out under both Resettlement and the Ukraine Response to enable cost savings and sharing of best practice where possible. This has included joint work particularly around Housing, but also including Employment initiatives and the coordination of external provision for ESOL (English as a Second Language) lessons. There has also been coordination and pooling of knowledge in several other areas such as Voluntary and Community Sector involvement and partnership working, adult social care and safeguarding support, unaccompanied children and liaison with partners in health, police, etc as well as for translation and interpretation services.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 The grant allocation for the Homes for Ukraine Scheme is sufficient to support the delivery of the programme to the end of the scheme and

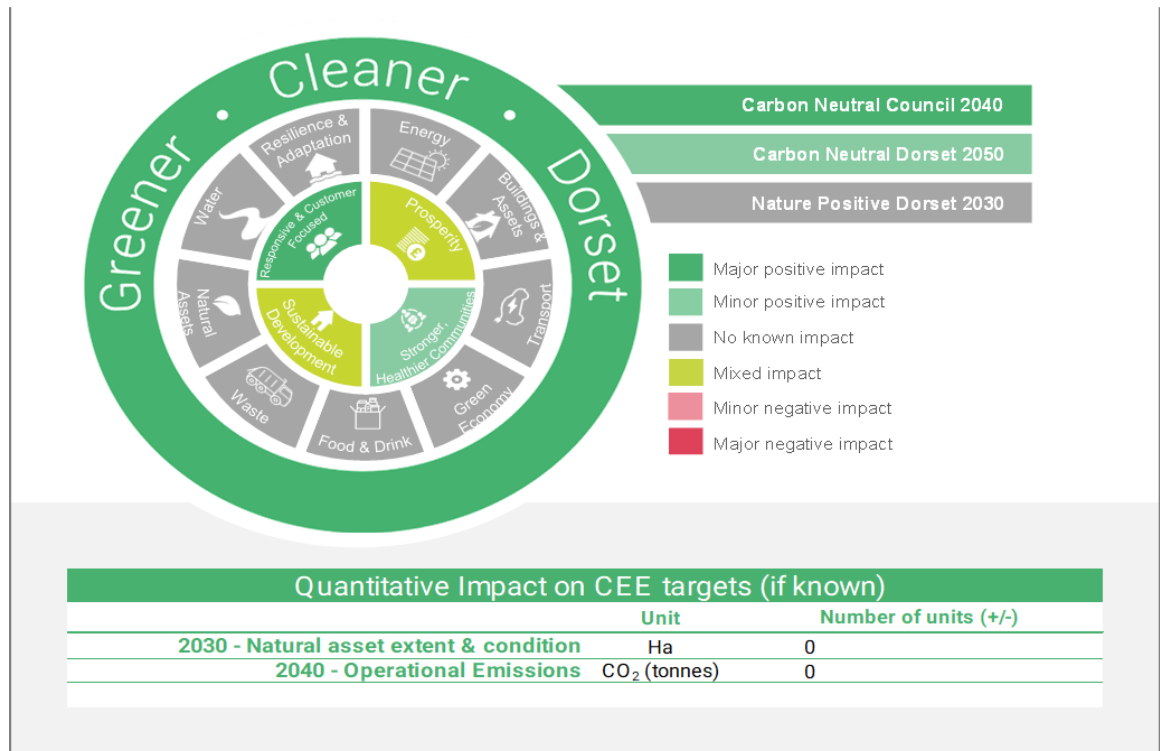
colleagues in finance are working with operational teams to ensure that any additional costs to services as a result of the scheme are funded through the grant.

6.2 The UK Resettlement scheme and the Afghan resettlement programmes are fully grant funded and the grant received is sufficient to support the delivery of the programme to the end of the scheme.

6.3 There continues to be a shortfall in the amount received for caring for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and in especially in supporting them as care leavers. This is being raised nationally as an issue both by Dorset Council, the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Children's Services. The council is also exploring multiple options to reduce costs through the creation of more local provision.

7. Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Implications

The World Economic Forum has identified that climate related displacement and migration is set to be a significant challenge now and into the future. Although climate change affects us all it disproportionately impacts developing countries and fragile states and those in arid and semi-arid lands are particularly vulnerable to the effects. Climate related displacement is increasing and it is estimated that by 2050 between 150 to 200 million people are at risk of leaving their homes as a result of desertification, rising sea levels and extreme weather conditions.



8. Well-being and Health Implications

Refugees and people seeking asylum have been through great hardship and settling in a new country is a huge challenge. Many will have faced long and hard journeys and spent time in harsh and overcrowded conditions which may make them more susceptible to infections and disease. Traumatic events and ongoing stressors mean that they are more likely to experience poor mental health. The council works with partners to ensure access to health services in line with statutory requirements.

9. Other Implications

None

10. Risk Assessment

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

Current Risk: Medium
Residual Risk: Medium

11. Equalities Impact Assessment

Not completed for this report

12. Appendices

Appendix 2: Accessible Impact Assessment

Appendix 3: Table of Recommendations

13. Background Papers

- 13.1 Resettlement and the Homes for Ukraine Scheme – Report to Scrutiny Committee 8 November 2022. Available at: [Refugee Resettlement and Homes for Ukraine.pdf \(dorsetcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)
- 13.2 Resettlement and the Homes for Ukraine Scheme – report to People and health Overview Committee – May 2022. Available at [Resettlement and the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.pdf \(dorsetcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)
- 13.3 Mandatory National Transfer Scheme for Unaccompanied Asylum seeking Children: available at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1167561/National_Transfer_Scheme_NTS_Protocol_for_unaccompanied_asylum_seeking_children_UASC_.pdf
- 13.4 High Court Judgement re Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children available at : <https://www.doughtystreet.co.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/ECPAT%20UK%20final%20version%202%5B70%5D.pdf>

Appendix 1: Accessible Impact Statement

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

Appendix 2: Action Plan

TABLE OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations	Responses -will this be incorporated into your proposal? How? And if not, why not?
Energy	
No recommendations found for this category	
Buildings & Assets	
No recommendations found for this category	
Transport	
No recommendations found for this category	
Green Economy	
No recommendations found for this category	
Food & Drink	
No recommendations found for this category	
Waste	
No recommendations found for this category	
Natural Assets & Ecology	
No recommendations found for this category	
Water	
No recommendations found for this category	
Resilience & Adaptation	
No recommendations found for this category	

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People and Health Scrutiny Committee

11 September 2023

Registered Providers of Social Housing: A review of the work of five Housing Associations operating within the Dorset Council area

For Review and Consultation

Chair of the People & Health Scrutiny Committee: Cllr Gill Taylor

Local Councillor(s): All

Report Author: Andrew Billany on behalf of the People & Health Scrutiny working group on registered providers.

Report Status: Public

Brief Summary: A panel of People and Health Scrutiny Committee members held a series of meetings with representatives of five Housing Associations (or Registered Providers of Social Housing), during 2022. The panel was Cllr Gill Taylor, Cllr Molly Rennie, and Cllr Jean Dunseith. Also present, as observers, were the then Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety, Cllr Graham Carr-Jones, and the Corporate Director for Housing and Community Safety, Andrew Billany.

The chosen Housing Associations represented those with the largest number of properties in our area and with the largest programmes to build new affordable homes. They were: Abri, Aster, East Boro, Magna and Sovereign. We thank them for their enthusiastic, thorough, and open participation in this review.

In addition to the meetings and interviews, a set of questions was sent for the Housing Associations to complete and this supplemented the information gathered.

The timing of this report coincides with the current consultation being held for Dorset Council's new Housing Strategy. Over 1000 responses have already been received, and comments at this meeting, relating to the work of Housing Associations and all Registered Providers, will be taken into account, when relevant.

Recommendation: The Committee is asked to note the findings of the review and to consider the ongoing work relating to the Housing Strategy and the associated roles carried out by Registered Providers of Social Housing.

Reason for Recommendation: To support the ongoing work to scrutinise the delivery of Dorset Council's Housing objectives.

1. Interview headlines

This report summarises the responses from the Housing Association interviews and surveys. There was a strong line of consistency across all five organisations interviewed, with the following headlines:

- Strong joint working between Dorset Council and Housing Associations. Praise for how Dorset Council supports Housing Associations in their work to develop new homes, through its 'enabling' approach.
- Commitment to develop new homes in Dorset, despite challenges relating to cost and labour shortages. Praise for the fact that the number of new affordable homes has risen each year since 2019, with the 2022/23 figure being 664.
- Commitment to maintain high standards of customer service for existing tenants. Recognition that complaints are higher than before the pandemic and that there has been a rise in concern for issues such as damp and mould and anti-social behaviour. Agreement to develop improved access for Ward Councillors, with one Housing Association having developed a dedicated email address for Dorset Council Councillors to focus responses. The Housing team will circulate a note of how Housing Associations are set up to handle enquiries.
- Eagerness to speed the process of developing new homes, and utilising Dorset Council interventions to the best effect. Commitment to setting up a dedicated Development Forum for Housing Associations to liaise with Dorset Council staff, and include Planning Officers. This would be to supplement already existing quarterly liaison meetings with individual Housing Associations and Dorset Council. (These meetings include the Portfolio Holder, Corporate Director and senior staff from Dorset Council and the regional leads from each Housing Association). Commitment to

working constructively to efficiently and speedily manage schemes through the Planning phases.

2. Report

The following section summarises the responses to the set questions in the survey and interviews. Actions are summarised in bullet point format and these were taken away to implement by the Housing team.

a. Liaison between your Housing Association and Dorset Council – what works well, what could be done better?

All five organisations spoke positively about their collaboration with staff across a range of disciplines at Dorset Council. Particular praise was offered for the work of the Housing Enabling Team, who work to support Housing Associations in their programmes to develop new affordable homes for rent and sale. It was also noted that there is good work with the team running the Housing Register, who provide nominations for new lettings, and the Housing Standards team, who work on a range of projects, such as disabled facilities grants and energy efficiency initiatives. Work with Planning Officers was seen as good but there was a common wish to speed up Planning applications and tackle delays in the process.

- Set up regular liaison meetings to focus on the development programme (building new homes). This to supplement existing meetings with individual Housing Associations
- Explore other areas where Housing Associations can assist, such as temporary accommodation for homeless people and families, supported housing and extra care housing. These are already provided by Housing Associations – such as Sovereign recently converting properties to deliver supported housing for homeless people in Shaftesbury and Blandford – and this contribution is welcomed as a model where more is done.
- Include Housing Associations more effectively in broader issues and initiatives. As a major local employer and community focused organisation it was felt that there was more to offer across the range of work happening to address community, environmental, economic and social challenges.

b. Links with the Council Plan and Strategies – how do you see your corporate objectives fitting with Dorset Council's?

All five organisations made it clear that they paid close attention to Dorset Council's Corporate Plan and associated strategies, and that they reflected that in their local, regional and organisational strategies. They reiterated their mission to provide affordable housing and excellent services or tenants and shared

owners, and recognise the importance of having this fit with the specific needs of localities. There was consistent enthusiasm around the development of Dorset Council's new Housing Strategy and a wish to contribute.

Members raised the question of homes being sold when this may be depleting a small number of affordable homes in a village or small town. It was recognised that having a standard approach to assessing the viability of a property, and then selling an 'unviable' home, may disproportionately (and negatively) impact on a small community.

- Set up specific routes for Housing Associations to engage with the Dorset Council Housing Strategy – including meetings and focus groups.
- Hold at least annual meetings with the Housing Association Chief Executives and Council leadership, to focus on strategy alignment and to supplement the liaison at local leadership level.
- Commit to constructive discussions where mismatches between corporate objectives appear, or where operational delivery produces local challenges (e.g. work to take local factors into account when considering the disposal of a property)

c. What are your plans to build and acquire new homes in Dorset?

All five Housing Associations have good pipelines of new homes due to be built and at various stages of development. All five committed to continuing to do so in Dorset. It was noted that all five had committed to Dorset as a location where they were able to provide locally focused services and had enough homes and dedicated staff and contractors in the area to do that well.

- The good performance in development of new homes was noted and welcomed. The wish to see a broad range of new homes built was also noted, with the shortage of larger family homes and adapted properties being an area Members wanted to see incorporated in future development decisions.
- The development of small scale housing schemes was welcomed, alongside the larger sites. The work of East Boro was highlighted for their smaller developments, with Aster, Sovereign, Magna and Abri all also offering a good range of new homes, with affordable rental and shared ownership homes being built. It was noted that initiatives relating to modular modern methods of construction, mentioned in the Magna interviews, had great potential to produce more homes.
- Housing Associations encouraged more joint work in relation to Council or publicly owned land, to deliver greater numbers of new homes. Closer liaison across the Housing and Place teams was accepted as being necessary, noting that this was making progress.

d. Tell us about your approach to providing a ‘local offer’ to Dorset and the various localities?

All five Housing Associations have roots in Dorset, with Aster, Magna and Sovereign having taken transfer of former Council homes many years ago. They all committed to their own versions of ‘local offers’ and had teams of housing officers, maintenance teams and welfare specialists all operating across the area. The rise of anti-social behaviour complaints was highlighted as an area which needed local focus and the point around disposal of empty properties was also raised in this context (recognising that small villages rely on affordable housing to keep people in their communities).

- This to be kept under regular review at the quarterly liaison meetings, to make sure that national or regional policies from the Housing Associations are relevant and effective at local level.

e. How do you involve residents in local decisions in Dorset?

All five Housing Associations have resident engagement strategies and ways to be involved in service development and decision making. In recent years, and accelerated since the pandemic, many of these approaches are via online or digital methods, with a decline in face to face and traditional tenants’ association contact. These are still valued, but there was a consistent wish to make sure that all tenants were listened to. Members stressed the need to keep the local focus and understanding and to work with Ward Councillors and Town and Parish Councils to help to do that well.

- This to be kept under regular review at the quarterly liaison meetings, to make sure that Housing Association resident engagement, and satisfaction levels, are monitored and kept effective.

f. How do you liaise with community groups and Ward Councillors in Dorset?

All five Housing Associations described how their community focused staff engaged with community groups and Ward Councillors as part of their daily work – including estate and scheme inspections but also on case work and where community groups were offering support or intervention with a tenancy matter. Members felt that this was patchy in some areas, with Ward Councillors sometimes finding out late about a matter, when they could have helped to resolve it if they knew earlier. Community groups providing support to vulnerable tenants were seen as very important, and good links in areas such as hoarding, mental ill-health and frailty due to age were seen as a crucial supplement to the work of housing officers.

- Quarterly newsletters or other ways to keep up regular communication was promoted as a way to keep Councillors and community groups informed.
- Housing Associations are encouraged to have their housing officers and community workers to make direct contact with Councillors on matters of interest, rather than relying on the complaints process (when it is often too late to prevent a problem arising)

g. How do you support residents when they are vulnerable? How do you respond when that support need leads to housing management challenges (e.g. drug or alcohol addiction, mental ill health)?

Good examples of supported housing or welfare related work were provided by the Housing Associations. When tenants are vulnerable, work to support them often relies on good will and good practice from generalist housing officers, so the need for that to be supplemented by specialist staff was recognised. Good work with homeless people who had previously been sleeping rough was noted, with the 'Housing First' model working well, providing a Housing Association tenancy with 'wrap around' support. It was recognised that tenants have a broad range of support needs, with specialist and well trained approaches being needed for areas such as mental health, addiction and frailty. Housing Associations would welcome more funding in this area, and will happily help with any bids to Government or working up proposals in areas such as Health or Social Care.

- Commitment to including housing needs as part of broader Social Care and Health commissioning. This is already reflected in Council Commissioning strategies and a rising matter on the Integrated Care Board agenda.
- Commitment to work with Housing Associations to minimise delays in administering care packages or providing nominations for supported housing schemes.

h. Local lettings plans (LLPs) often look to exclude so called 'difficult' tenants, such as people with a history of offending or drug use. That excludes some of the people we have a duty to house. What do you suggest we do about that?

Housing Associations commit to enabling balanced communities, so want to make sure that lettings plans are able to support that principle. It was stressed that these should only be used where there are actual examples of anti-social behaviour or when a new scheme is being let for the first time. It was accepted that the good work with the Housing Register and lettings team was essential to make sure that housing schemes were occupied by people who could get on together and thrive as a set of neighbours, but not to discriminate against people. In practice, this means that people with complex or challenging behaviour need

to be appropriately housed and with support in place when necessary. It was agreed that local lettings plans are important but need to be used sparingly, and balanced so that all people in housing need are able to secure the right kind of housing.

- Commitment to develop local lettings plans only when they are necessary and make sure there is a workable and fair balance which provides homes across the range of needs.
- i. **What is your approach to asset management of your stock in Dorset – so that we maximise the available affordable housing, as well as investing in the quality of people’s homes? We are concerned about the loss of available housing when properties are sold, so would like to know your approach to that and how we gain more than we lose.**

The five Housing Associations all committed to delivering a new build programme which delivers more new homes, whilst disposing of a smaller number of vacant homes when they are seen as unviable. This is backed up by the current statistics on newly built affordable housing. The point, noted earlier, about making informed decisions about disposals and sales was accepted. It was confirmed that all five organisations invest considerable sums to maintain and improve their housing, and take into account new approaches to maintain safety and to protect against damp and mould.

- Commitment to sharing information and strategies to invest in social housing stock across the Dorset Council area. This to include close alignment on strategies to invest in energy efficiency, net zero and environmental standards.
- Commitment to transparency on decision making when an empty property is sold, explaining the reasons why this is happening and how the proceeds are used to reinvest in new stock or improvements.
- j. **We want to minimise eviction and prevent homelessness. How do you help with that?**

All five Housing Associations have policies to sustain tenancies and minimise evictions and were convincing on this being used as a last resort. The need to alert the homelessness team early if an eviction is going to happen was stressed. New tenancies are supported through advice and guidance on setting up life in the new home and with money advice and support needs being identified early. If debts arise, the Housing Associations work closely with the tenants and advice agencies to reduce and manage those arrears.

- Commitment to early work to set up new tenants with the information and support they need to establish themselves in their new homes and to maintain their tenancies.

- Commitment to early alerts to the Council where tenancies are failing, alongside ongoing support from the Housing Association to those tenants.

k. How do you bring your policy and specialist expertise to help us – especially when there is a new initiative or Government policy, such as the Domestic Abuse Act

The expertise of the Housing Association teams is welcomed across areas of relevance, and the quarterly liaison meetings are used to share experience and knowledge. There has been some attendance at the Domestic Abuse Forum and committed interest in doing more to prevent abuse occurring or act decisively when it has occurred. It is recognised that the Council sometimes works in a 'silo' and should do more to bring Housing Association expertise in early when there is a new Government or policy initiative to develop. Domestic Abuse was raised in the question, but this also applies to new and developing policies relating to areas such as sustainable development and decarbonisation, as well as economic regeneration, health and social care. With 20,000 homes, all the Housing Associations in Dorset make up a major element of the local economy, as well as contributor to meeting social objectives.

- Commitment to bring Housing Associations in earlier to develop new policies and to make better use of their expertise. This works well in areas but can be broadened.

3. Financial Implications

There are no significant additional financial costs associated with this paper. Having an efficient pipeline of new affordable housing developments make a considerable positive impact to reduce the spend on temporary accommodation for homelessness.

4. Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Implications

The fact that there are 20,000 homes managed by Housing Associations and a pipeline of new homes being built (664 last year) this has a large impact on our natural environment, climate and ecology. The paper does not propose any change to that fact but encourages joint work and initiatives to contribute to Dorset's policies and to mitigate the negative impacts of residential development.

5. Well-being and Health Implications

Again, as major landlords and owners of housing stock, a large proportion of Dorset's population live in Housing Association homes. It is well accepted that

having a decent home is a component part of having a healthy life and that poor housing contributes to ill health, so this paper's focus on improving that position across all of the stock is relevant.

6. Risk Assessment

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

Current Risk: Medium

Residual Risk: Medium

7. Equalities Impact Assessment

This is not a matter for decision and there has not been an EIA. The commitment to provide accessible and decent housing for those in need is a key factor in the policies being discussed in the paper.

8. Appendices

There are no appendices.

9. Background Papers

None

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People and Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Meeting Date: 11 September 2023

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Registered Providers Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to the Scrutiny Committee on the findings of the Registered Providers Working Group To review the actions arising from the working group and make any recommendations. 	<p>Andrew Billany – Corporate Director for Housing</p> <p>Cllr Gill Taylor – Chair of the People and Health Scrutiny Committee</p>	
Resettlement and the Homes for Ukraine Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress of the schemes including a review of available funding and effects on council services. 	Claire Shiels – Corporate Director for Commissioning and Partnerships	Requested by the committee at their meeting on 8 November 2022.

Meeting Date: 31 October 2023

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Performance Scrutiny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review the most recent performance information and use this to agree items to add to the committee work programme for further analysis. 	<p>David Bonner – Service Manager for Business Intelligence and Performance</p> <p>Cllr Jill Haynes – Portfolio Holder for Corporate</p>	

		Development and Transformation	
NHS Dental Services and Commissioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive an update on NHS Dental Services and Commissioning following the transfer of dental services to NHS Dorset ICB. 		

Meeting Date: 11 December 2023

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information

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Meeting Date: 12 January 2023

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Budget Strategy and Medium-Term Financial Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To scrutinise the council's budget for the year 2024-25 	<p>Aidan Dunn – Executive Director of Corporate Development / Section 151 Officer</p> <p>Cllr Gary Suttle – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance</p>	

Meeting Date: 7 March 2024

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Performance Scrutiny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review the most recent performance information and use this to agree items to add to the committee work programme for further analysis. 	David Bonner – Service Manager for Business Intelligence and Performance Cllr Jill Haynes – Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Transformation	

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Meeting Date: Unscheduled Committee Items

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
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Informal Work of the Committee:

Date	Topic	Format	Members	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information

3 July 2023	Work Programme Development Session	In-person meeting	People & Health Scrutiny Committee Relevant Portfolio Holders	George Dare – Senior Democratic Services Officer Cllr Gill Taylor – Chair of People & Health Scrutiny Committee	To develop the committee's work programme for the year 2023-24.
23 October 2023	Update session from University Hospitals Dorset	Online Meeting	People & Health Scrutiny Committee		
TBC	Livewell Dorset	All Member Webinar	All Members		Arising from the work programming session.
TBC	Dementia Services	All Member Webinar	All Members		Arising from the work programming session.
TBC	Pharmacies	All Member Webinar	All Members		Arising from the work programming session.



The Cabinet Forward Plan - August to November 2023
For the period 1 AUGUST 2023 to 30 NOVEMBER 2023
(Publication date – 8 AUGUST 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 90 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
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<p>Additional Procurement Forward Plan 2023-24 and incorporating the refresh of the annual Modern Slavery Transparency Statement</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes 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>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, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Discretionary Housing Payment Policy</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Our Discretionary Housing Payment policy reflects the Department for Works and Pensions formal guidance providing the administration framework associated with the application, criteria, assessment and awarding principles established to provide when applicable, some additional financial support to eligible</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>Katie Hale, Head of Revenues and Benefits</i> <i>katie.hale@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>

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<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 5 Sep 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 timothy.robertson@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Dugald Lockhart, Service Manager Digital Place dugald.lockhart@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>Dorset and BCP joint Local Transport Plan 4 development</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider making a delegation to the head of Service and Portfolio Holder for the development of the new joint LTP4 to ensure that decisions are effective and timely.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 5 Sep 2023</p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 27 Jul 2023</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment</p>	<p><i>Owen Clark, Strategic and Policy Team Manager owen.clark@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>Dorset Council Car Parking review of fees and charges</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Following the meeting of Full Council 13th July and the Council's decision to refer the Petition on Car Parking to Cabinet in September for a review of fees and charges.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 5 Sep 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment</p>	<p><i>Matthew Piles, Corporate Director - Economic Growth and Infrastructure matthew.piles@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>

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<p>Weymouth Harbour Wall 4 Improvement and Strengthening</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Authorisation to appoint Hanson as the Contractor through their Highways Partnership Term Contract on the basis that they are best placed to execute the work.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 5 Sep 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment</p>	<p><i>Ian Fitz, Project Engineer ian.fitz@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>Dorset 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>Home in on Housing</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Dorset Council role and response for the new and emerging Housing Strategy.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 5 Sep 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for People - Adult Social Care, Health and Housing</p>	<p><i>Andrew Billany, Corporate Director for Housing andrew.billany@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults</i></p>
<p>Stour Valley</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>The Stour Valley is a regionally</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 5 Sep 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment</p>	<p><i>Ken Buchan, Head of Environment and Wellbeing ken.buchan@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Bridget Betts, Environmental Advice Manager</i></p>

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significant opportunity to ecologically restore a river valley landscape, with potential to support health and well-being incomes.					<i>bridget.betts@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i>
Lease of premises at the Old Radio Station Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt To secure continued leasehold occupation for the Old Radio Station in Dorchester.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 5 Sep 2023		Portfolio Holder for Assets and Property	<i>Peter Hopkins, Corporate Director - Assets and Property</i> <i>peter.hopkins@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i>
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Ofsted Regulation of Supported Accommodation for 16-17 Year Olds Key Decision - No Public Access - Open Report on Ofsted Regulation of Supported Accommodation for 16 to 17 year olds.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 3 Oct 2023	People and Health Overview Committee 14 Sep 2023	Portfolio Holder for People - Children, Education, Skills and Early Help	<i>Claire Shiels, Corporate Director - Commissioning & Partnerships</i> <i>claire.shiels@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i>
Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan Review 2011 - 2033 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Item relating to the making (adoption) of the neighbourhood plan review	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 3 Oct 2023		Portfolio Holder for Planning	<i>Ed Gerry, Community Planning Manager</i> <i>ed.gerry@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i>

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following an independent examination.					
Weymouth Regeneration - Levelling Up Funding and Approach Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt To approve the proposed approach to the delivery of the Levelling Up Fund project and finances and to seek endorsement of the priorities for regeneration	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 3 Oct 2023		Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Levelling Up	<i>Peter Hopkins, Corporate Director - Assets and Property</i> <i>peter.hopkins@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Julian Wain, Strategic Property Advisor</i> <i>Julian.wain@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i>
Landford Waste Management Centre - Update on Progress Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 3 Oct 2023		Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities	<i>Gemma Clinton, Head of Commercial Waste and Strategy</i> <i>gemma.clinton@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Jason Jones, Group Manager (Commissioning)</i> <i>jason.jones@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i>
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Families First for Children Pathfinder Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 7 Nov 2023	People and Health Overview Committee 17 Oct 2023	Portfolio Holder for People - Children, Education, Skills and Early Help	<i>Paul Dempsey, Corporate Director - Care & Protection</i> <i>Tel: 01305 224513</i> <i>paul.dempsey@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People -</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
To consider a report regarding the Families First for Children Pathfinder.					<i>Children (Theresa Leavy)</i>
Report on the Dorset Education Board Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 7 Nov 2023	People and Health Overview Committee 17 Oct 2023	Portfolio Holder for People - Children, Education, Skills and Early Help	<i>Amanda Davis, Corporate Director for Education and Learning amanda.davis@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i>
Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order- Renewal Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To agree and adopt the draft order.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 7 Nov 2023	Place and Resources Overview Committee 5 Oct 2023	Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities	<i>Janet Moore, Service Manager for Environmental Protection Janet.Moore@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (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 sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i>
Our Future Council - putting our customers first Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Setting out the proposed future programme.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 7 Nov 2023		Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities	<i>Lisa Cotton, Corporate Director for Customer and Cultural Services lisa.cotton@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Nina Coakley, Head of Change n.coakley@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development -</i>

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					<i>Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn), Matt Prosser</i>
<p>Making Care Experience a Protected Characteristic - local adoption</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To adopt care experience as a protected characteristic.</p>	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 7 Nov 2023	Place and Resources Overview Committee 17 Oct 2023	Portfolio Holder for People - Children, Education, Skills and Early Help	<i>Paul Dempsey, Corporate Director - Care & Protection Tel: 01305 224513 paul.dempsey@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i>
<p>Chesil Bank Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2023</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>An item relating to the making (adoption) of the neighbourhood plan following independent examination and a public referendum.</p>	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 7 Nov 2023		Portfolio Holder for Planning	<i>Ed Gerry, Community Planning Manager ed.gerry@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i>
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<p>Housing Strategy</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider and agree the Housing Strategy.</p>	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 5 Dec 2023	People and Health Overview Committee 30 Nov 2023	Portfolio Holder for People - Adult Social Care, Health and Housing	<i>Sharon Attwater, Service Manager for Housing Strategy and Performance sharon.attwater@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Andrew Billany, Corporate Director for Housing andrew.billany@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sarah Smith, Housing Strategy Lead</i>
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Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
					sarah.smith@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults
January 2024					
<p>Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring Report 2023/24</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>PS 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>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</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 People and Health Scrutiny Committee Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee 30 Jan 2024 12 Jan 2024 17 Jan 2024</p>	<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</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.