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# Place and Resources Overview Committee

Date:Thursday, 11 July 2024Time:10.00 amVenue:Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

#### Members (Quorum: 3)

Andy Canning (Chair), Andrew Starr (Vice-Chair), Piers Brown, Richard Crabb, Simon Gibson, Sherry Jespersen, David Northam, Mike Parkes, Roland Tarr and David Taylor

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

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#### Agenda

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#### 1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

#### 2. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2024.

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To disclose any pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interests as set out in the adopted Code of Conduct. In making their disclosure councillors are asked to state the agenda item, the nature of the interest and any action they propose to take as part of their declaration. Pages

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If required, further advice should be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

#### 4. CHAIR'S UPDATE

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

#### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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- 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.
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- when submitting a question please indicate who the question is for (e.g., the name of the committee or Portfolio Holder)
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- all questions, statements and responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting.

#### 6. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

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 statements received will be published as a supplement to the agenda and all questions, statements and responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting.

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#### 7. COST OF LIVING SUPPORT 2024-25

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To consider a report of the Business Partner – Communities and Partnerships.

#### 8. DRAFT PLACE AND RESOURCES OVERVIEW COMMITTEE WORK 27 - 42 PROGRAMME

To review the draft Place and Resources Overview Committee Work Programme.

To review the Cabinet Forward Plan.

#### 9. URGENT ITEMS

To consider any items of business which the Chairman has had prior notification and considers to be urgent pursuant to section 100B (4) b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The reason for the urgency shall be recorded in the minutes.

#### 10. EXEMPT BUSINESS

To move the exclusion of the press and the public for the following item in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph x of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). The public and the press will be asked to leave the meeting whilst the item of business is considered.

#### There are no exempt items scheduled for this meeting.

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#### PLACE AND RESOURCES OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2024

**Present:** Cllrs Carole Jones (Chairman), Les Fry (Vice-Chairman), Tony Alford, Toni Coombs, Sherry Jespersen, Val Pothecary and Andrew Starr

Present remotely: Cllrs Ryan Hope

Also present: Cllr Simon Gibson and Cllr Andrew Parry

Also present remotely: Cllr Cherry Brooks and Cllr Ray Bryan

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

Jan Britton (Executive Lead for the Place Directorate), Jonathan Mair (Director of Legal and Democratic and Monitoring Officer), Carly Galloway (Service Manager Business Operations), Lindsey Watson (Senior Democratic Services Officer) and John Miles (Democratic Services Officer)

#### 36. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 37. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 38. Chairman's Update

There were no updates from the Chairman on this occasion.

#### 39. **Public Participation**

There were no questions or statements from members of the public or local organisations.

#### 40. Questions from Councillors

There were no questions from councillors.

#### 41. Community Asset Transfer Policy Review

The committee received and considered a report of the Service Manager Business Operations with regard to a review of the Dorset Council Community Asset Transfer Policy. The policy sought to recognise and maximise the benefit of devolution of assets to local communities, particularly to town and parish councils and provide clear guidance and support for applicants.

Councillors considered the issues arising from the report and during discussion, points were raised in the following areas:

- The need for an appropriate councillor to have oversight and input on the decisions to transfer assets to the community
- A request was made for an additional step in the process to invite ward councillors to comment on applications (once an expression of interest had been confirmed) rather than just being informed
- The Monitoring Officer noted the importance of the proposed consultation role for ward councillors and confirmed that formal decision making was the responsibility of the relevant portfolio holder or officer with delegated powers
- Recognition that some wards had more than one ward councillor which would need to be taken account of within the process
- A discussion around the condition of an asset upon transfer and responsibility for undertaking a structural survey, which had to be the responsibility of the applicant organisation, with the council ensuring the organisation sought appropriate advice
- The committee opposed the proposal that the council in transferring an asset should retain the right to use the asset at no cost and asked that this should be reviewed
- Resources available for the process
- An officer discussion would take place on the timing for the implementation of the policy in case of any concerns about an implementation during the sensitive pre-election period
- A discussion was held around the risks and liabilities of the asset transfer process
- Councillors did not agree that a charge should be made to applicants for the expression of interest stage.

The Chairman summed up the recommendations of the committee as set out below.

#### **Recommendation to Cabinet**

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

- a) That the requirement for an organisation to provide free access to the asset to Dorset Council following transfer, be removed
- b) That relevant ward councillors are consulted on an asset transfer application, after an expression of interest is confirmed as valid

- c) That a mechanism for the appropriate councillor involvement in the community asset transfer policy decision-making process be explored
- d) That Dorset Council provides relevant information held in respect of an asset, to an organisation as part of the asset transfer process.

#### 42. Place and Resources Overview Committee Work Programme

Councillors noted the committee's work programme and it was noted that a review of policies was to be undertaken and prioritised for review by the committee. The position with highways related policies would be clarified.

#### 43. Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

#### 44. Exempt Business

There was no exempt business.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 - 10.53 am

Chairman

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# Agenda Item 7

# Place and Resources Overview Committee 11 July 2024 Cost of Living Support 2024-25

## For Recommendation to the Portfolio Holder

#### Cabinet Member and Portfolio:

Cllr R Hope, Customer, Culture and Community Engagement **Executive Director:** A Dunn, Executive Director, Corporate Development

Report Author: Laura Cornette Job Title: Business Partner – Communities and Partnerships Tel: 01305 224306 Email: laura.cornette@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

#### Report Status: Public

#### Brief Summary:

In May 2024, Cabinet authorised a further £2m of spending from reserves to be allocated to a programme of activities that support Dorset residents with the continued cost of living challenge delivered by Dorset Council services and with our Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) partners.

This paper offers a programme of activities which has been developed to complement and enhance the existing support provided by central government and Dorset Council.

#### **Recommendation**:

Following agreement from 11 June Cabinet, Members of the Place and Resources Overview Committee consider and make recommendations on the proposed programme of funded activity to support those residents hit hardest by the ongoing cost of living challenge to enable the Cabinet Member for Culture, Customer Services and Communities and the Executive Director for Corporate Development (S151) to undertake their authority delegated by Cabinet.

#### Reason for Recommendation:

Extensive support has been provided to Dorset Council residents over the last 12-18 months as outlined in the earlier Cabinet reports of 28 February 2023 and 11 June 2024. However, the cost-of-living challenge is continuing to have a severely detrimental impact on our most vulnerable residents. A proactive, targeted, and flexible approach to supporting Dorset's communities with the cost-of-living challenge in both the short and medium term, based on evidence and data sets, will continue to enable Dorset Council to meet identified gaps in local and national support initiatives and provide support to our most vulnerable residents.

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 Many Dorset Council residents have been directly affected by the cost-ofliving challenge. In many ways, Dorset residents are facing the same issues as people across the country. However, our 2022 research data showed one factor affects Dorset Council residents more than elsewhere in the country: the high cost of housing relative to earnings. This has been felt in higher rental and mortgage payments, which lead to lower or, in some cases, no disposable income with which to absorb any price increases to fuel, energy bills and food.
- 1.2 Since mid-2022, Dorset Council has worked closely with our statutory and voluntary & community sector partners through the 'Dorset Together Cost of Living' network to support residents with the challenges they are facing. This programme developed into four initial priority workstreams:
  - I. Keeping warm and well
  - II. Food security
  - III. Support to increase volunteering.
  - IV. Keeping homes warm and energy efficient.
- 1.3 The project team recognised the growing challenge around housing and homelessness and some funding was re-allocated to support this for the latter part of the year.
- 1.4 Proposals for various activities and schemes which could provide immediate and medium-term support to Dorset residents hardest hit by the cost-of-living crisis, funded by £2 million (taken from the General Fund reserves) for the financial year 2023-24 were developed and approved by Cabinet in February 2023. The results of the first three quarters of 2024 were presented to People and Health Scrutiny Committee in March 2024 who recommended to Cabinet that funding for the cost-of-living support

should be extended and reviewed annually as part of the budget setting process.

- 1.5 Further support for an additional £2m was approved by Cabinet on 11 June 2024. All previous papers are available in the **background papers**.
- 1.6 Cabinet agreed that specific proposals for funding and activity should be discussed at Place and Resources Overview Committee, with final approval to be given subsequently by the Portfolio Holder for Customer, Culture and Community Engagement and the Executive Director Corporate Development (S151).
- 1.7 Cabinet requested that some programmes be developed to focus on supporting proactive measures to stop vulnerable residents from reaching crisis point and also more support for key voluntary community sector organisations (VCSO).

### 2. **Proposed programme of activities.**

No.	DC/	Project Summary	Amount
	VCSO lead		
1	Housing –	To continue the additional support provided in	£177,500
	Homelessness	Q3&4 23-24 with 4 priority programmes of	
	prevention	support:	
		<ol> <li>Arrears/Rent in advance &amp; deposit payments</li> <li>Tenancy Sustainment</li> </ol>	
		3. Media and information awareness	
		4. Emergency Food vouchers (for residents not valid for other schemes).	
2	Place -	To continue to invest in the <b>Healthy Homes</b>	£200,000
	Economic	Dorset scheme, focusing on geographical	
	Regeneration	locations of disadvantage.	
3	Citizens	To extend the CoL caseworkers and adding a	£214,489
	Advice	further 0.5FTE to assist with increased demand.	
		Additional resource for volunteer training and	
		supervision	
4	Corporate	To continue to support the <b>Discretionary</b>	£100,000
	Services -	Housing Payment Allowance. Payments often	

2.1 The table below is a summary of the proposed programme of activity. A more detailed version is available in **appendix 1.** 

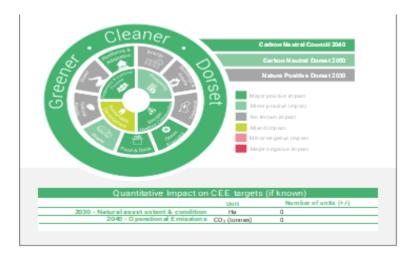
	Revenue and Benefits	prevent eviction and allow short term financial support regarding meeting costs in this area which can assist residents meet other financial demands.	
5	Adults Services - Housing	To continue to support the <b>Disabilities Facilities</b> <b>Grant</b> to enable energy efficient improvements to be included as part of their building adaptations	£150,000
6	Adults Services - Housing	Investment in <b>Lendology.</b> This SW Councils initiated scheme enables low income and disabled residents to get low interest loans for essential house repairs.	£50,000
7	Communities and Partnerships & VCSO	Continue to invest in <b>emergency and affordable</b> <b>food security</b> that has a referral system.	£100,000
8	Communities and Partnerships & VCSO	Invest in more VCS led <b>sustainable and</b> <b>affordable food security projects</b> in areas of most need.	£100,000
9	Children's Services & VCSO	Boost the Household Support Fund (HSF) targeted means tested energy support referral scheme	£100,000
10	People First Dorset	Invest in a <b>targeted programme for Cost of</b> <b>Living advice, support and anti-scams</b> for vulnerable residents with learning disabilities.	£25,000
11	Age UK NSW Dorset	Invest in their <b>information</b> , <b>advice and</b> <b>guidance service</b> for vulnerable older residents to ensure they are receiving all the income they are entitled to.	£50,000
12	Island Community Action	Invest in their <b>Helping Hands programme</b> that directly supports 1020+ vulnerable older/vulnerable people on Portland.	£50,000

13	Dorset Community Action	Support for village/community hall sustainability.	£30,000
14	Place – Community Transport & VCSO	Invest in the sustainability of Dorset's <b>community transport network</b> .	£100,000
15	Customer Services - Libraries	Invest in the extension of the <b>digital inclusion device loan scheme</b> .	£10,000
16	Children's Services & VCSO	To continue the additional <b>4 targeted priority</b> <b>programmes that support low-income</b> <b>families:</b> 1. Increased food offer for children attending the holidays activities and food (HAF) programme (£20,000) 2. Additional hours for pre-school children commencing school in September 2024&25 enabling parents to work (£20,000) 3. Additional funding to the Local Alliance Groups to distribute to VCSO's working with vulnerable families struggling with the cost of living. (£42,000) 4. Locality Family Help Teams to purchase essential starting school equipment for vulnerable families e.g. Shoes, bags, uniform. (£18,000).	£100,000
17	Economic Regeneration – Digital Place	Invest in the <b>Digital Doorway</b> device programme for vulnerable residents	£150,000
		Total:	£1,706,989
18+		Yet to be allocated for quarters 3 and 4 according to emerging trends.	£293,011
		Budget total:	£2,000,000

#### 3. Financial Implications

Cabinet agreed that up to £2m can be utilised from Council reserves to support this programme. Cabinet agreed that future financial support of cost of living will be considered as part of the annual budget setting process, not part of general reserves.

#### 4. Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Implications



## ACCESSIBLE TABLE SHOWING IMPACTS

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No known impact
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No known impact
major positive impact

Corporate Plan Aims Impact
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Prosperity	minor positive impact
Stronger healthier communities	strongly supports it
Sustainable Development & Housing	neutral
Responsive & Customer Focused	strongly supports it

#### 5. Well-being and Health Implications

This programme of activities has been designed to positively support the well-being and health of Dorset Council's residents.

#### 6. Risk Assessment

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

Current Risk: Low Residual Risk: Medium

Although the previous £2 million has achieved its purpose and has significantly supported our vulnerable residents to weather the cost-of-living challenge, the challenge has not ended. Emerging trends throughout this financial year have shown that housing issues have become more prevalent. There is a risk that our residents, who may have been relying on some of the funded programmes, may not be able to bridge the financial gap now the funding support has ended. In addition, there remains only 6 months more of financial provision from the current Government under the Household Support Fund (HSF) which supports many vulnerable people including paying for free school meal vouchers in the school holidays, supermarket vouchers (to support with increased energy prices), and grants to foodbanks and social supermarkets.

#### 7. Equalities Impact Assessment

Proposals for the Cost-of-Living Challenge programme of activities continue to target our most vulnerable residents. Means testing will be used where possible to ensure the additional funding reaches those in greatest need.

In March 2023, our data and insights team undertook extensive data modelling to identify those households in greatest need. Using this data, we were able to identify gaps in national government and local support to date. We continue to work closely in partnership with our VCS partners such as Citizens Advice and the food security organisations.

#### 8. Appendices

• Appendix 1 – Full programme detail

#### 9. Background Papers

- Cost of Living Challenge Cabinet paper 23rd February 2023
- Cost of Living Challenge People and Health Scrutiny paper 7<sup>th</sup>
   March 2024
- Cost of living Challenge Cabinet paper 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

#### Appendix 1 - £2m Cost of Living proposal for 24-25

Cabinet have given the steer to support proposals to proactively and reactively support the continued Cost of Living Challenge throughout 2024-25. They have requested some specific provision be made to support the VCS assisting our communities with the Cost of Living (CoL).

These are the first proposals to seek agreement, where stated some projects may still have the ability to be flexed financially. There is purposely an amount left unallocated to be able to support emerging trends as they appear in the Autumn/Winter.

Indicative numbers of beneficiaries have been included and a note of the degree of flexibility in the funding requested.

No.	DC Directorate /VCSO lead	Project detail	CoL Support	Amount	Proactive / Reactive	Links with Council Plan Priorities
	Adult Services - Housing – Homelessness prevention	The Housing Options team has refocussed its delivery to work on proactive prevention activities. With the help of the last financial year's funding alongside other funding, the team have become agile and responsive to households working with residents and landlords at earlier stages rather than working reactively once an eviction notice has been received. Last year, with support of the CoL payment it helped prevent 179 households either maintain their home or find suitable new accommodation and 63% of residents who contacted us about being made homeless, were able to stay in their homes with our support. 1.Arrears/Rent in advance & deposit payments. This will support the team to negotiate with landlords to stop evictions from taking place or help to find new suitable accommodation. (£100,000) 2. Tenancy Sustainment. To maintain existing capacity of one of the tenancy sustainment officers to keep proactive negotiations with landlords (£42,500) 3. Media and information awareness – To run a media campaign to continue to raise awareness of the importance of asking for housing help earlier in the process with us and VCS agencies, before eviction (£10,000) 4. Food vouchers – These will continue to be used for when a resident/s present with nothing and can immediately be given by members of the housing team whilst other emergency support can prepared (£25,000)	Theme Sustainable / Affordable Housing	-	Proactive & Reactive	<ul> <li>Creating stronger, healthier communities</li> <li>Driving economic prosperity</li> <li>Becoming a more responsive customer focused council</li> </ul>

		Funding request can be flexed with the non-acceptance of any of				
		these options				
<sup>2</sup> Pa		Invest in the <b>Healthy Homes Dorset</b> scheme. The £4m HUG2 funding we have been awarded has set criteria and will benefit residents who are off grid only. This extra funding will continue to complement this provision, offering opportunities for low income on-grid residents who meet the Healthy Homes Dorset requirements. Energy costs are rising, and while there is some support in place, investing in appropriate clean microgeneration schemes i.e., solar, can make a huge difference to people's lives. We have a readymade delivery portal (Healthy Homes Dorset) through which it will be administered. Following on from the success of the last year's spend, areas of disadvantage will be targeted for this support. Potential beneficiaries: 50-100 <i>Funding request can be flexed</i>	Sustainable / Affordable Housing	£200,000	Pro-active	<ul> <li>Creating sustainable developments and housing</li> <li>Creating stronger, healthier communities</li> <li>Driving economic prosperity</li> </ul>
Page <sup>9</sup> 18	Citizens Advice	CA continue to support DC services with unprecedented increasing demand to their specialist services. Many residents are presenting to them with negative budgets. Specialist caseworkers are able to	CoL advice and Guidance	,	Proactive & Reactive	<ul> <li>Becoming a more responsive customer focused council</li> <li>Creating stronger, healthier communities</li> </ul>
4		Discretionary Housing Payment Allowance		£100,000		

	Corporate Services - Revenue and Benefits	Dorset Council has a fixed annual funding budget from Government and this financial assistance supports those struggling to pay their rent within an eligibility framework. Revenues and Benefits colleagues work closely with our Housing needs team. Payments often prevent eviction and allow short term financial support regarding meeting costs in this area which can assist residents meet other financial demands. Additional funding in this area will directly support some of the most vulnerable within an already established legal framework and administration. Likely to prevent residents from being made homeless. Homelessness enquiries increased by 31% in the last financial year. Potential beneficiaries: 50-100 <i>Funding request can be flexed</i>	Sustainable / Affordable Housing		Proactive & Reactive	•	Creating stronger, healthier communities Becoming a more responsive customer focused council
<sup>5</sup> Page 19	Adults Services - Housing	<b>Disabled facilities Grant</b> This grant is given by Government each year to support adaptations to buildings for disabled residents. However, it does not include energy adaptations such as energy efficient boilers / heat pumps. This would support some of our most vulnerable residents reduce their bills by replacing old inefficient boilers / night storage heaters. They had £320K last FY and had evidenced really good proactive outcomes for some of our residents living independently with a disability. Potential beneficiaries: 20-30 <i>Funding request can be flexed</i>	Sustainable / Affordable Housing	£150,000	Proactive	•	Creating sustainable developments and housing Creating stronger, healthier communities Becoming a more responsive customer focused council
6	Adults Services – Housing Standards	Investment in Lendology Dorset Council is part of a consortia of councils which contribute to Lendology CIC (set up by SW Councils) which enabled low income and disabled residents to get low interest loans for essential house repairs. These residents can't get credit elsewhere but the scheme has less than a 0.1% default rate. DC gets all its own funding and interest back (4%). The money is recycled back into our 'pot'. DC currently has invested £900K and £820K is currently loaned out, further investment will enable our housing standards team to proactively support vulnerable low income and disabled residents to remain in their homes. Potential beneficiaries: 5-10 (plus reinvestment value)	Sustainable / Affordable Housing	£50,000	Proactive	•	Creating sustainable developments and housing Creating stronger, healthier communities Becoming a more responsive customer focused council

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		Funding request can be flexed but £50,000 is probably the minimum investment for impact.					
	Development - Communities and Partnerships & VCS	Emergency and Affordable food security Demand for emergency and affordable food projects such as social supermarkets and foodbanks continues to increase beyond current capacity. This funding will allow 2 targeted rounds of support funding during this financial year. To ensure our limited funds are going to the most vulnerable people and not creating additional demand on the system, funding will only be awarded to food projects that work with system partners using a referral-based model. Currently there are only 3 who do not use a referral system. The Communities and Partnerships team will work with them to encourage and support them to adopt this model. Potential beneficiaries: 16,000+	Sustainable / Affordable Access to Food	£100,000	Reactive	•	Creating stronger, healthier communities Protecting our natural environment, climate and ecology
Pa		Funding request can be flexed					
Ö	Corporate Development - Communities and Partnerships & VCS	Food security – wider sustainable and affordable projects Work is currently underway to develop several projects with VCSO's to deliver longer term food sustainability and affordability projects which there are currently gaps in delivery. The aim of these projects will be to move vulnerable residents along the journey from long term foodbank usage. This potentially will include provision for basic food hygiene online courses for volunteers supporting these projects; tailored education sessions and potentially the development of a multi-agency social canteen in Weymouth which is reporting the greatest need. The request is for the amount of funding to be ear-marked to support this critical agenda. Proposals will be signed off by the Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture and Customer Service and S151 Officer and reported on, with impacts, at the appropriate scrutiny committee later in the year. Potential beneficiaries: 1000+ <i>Funding request can be flexed</i>	Sustainable / Affordable Access to Food	£100,000	Proactive	•	Creating stronger, healthier communities Protecting our natural environment, climate and ecology

9	Children's Services & VCSO	<ul> <li>The Household Support Fund (HSF) has been extended until 30<sup>th</sup></li> <li>September 2024. Within this fund, there is a set amount of targeted energy support referral distribution model that has replaced the public application supermarket voucher scheme. £570,000 of HLF has been budgeted from this fund.</li> <li>In the last financial year, the CoL fund supported the public application fund which was highly successful, so it has been requested by members of the Cabinet that we continue to make additional support for this, scaled according to the shorter timeframe.</li> <li>Consideration will also be given for further support in the Autumn period if any further support is offered by the new national Government.</li> <li>Potential beneficiaries: 666</li> <li>Funding request can be flexed</li> </ul>		£100,000	Reactive	<ul> <li>Driving economic prosperity</li> <li>Creating stronger, healthier communities</li> </ul>
<sup>10</sup> Page 21	People First Dorset	<ul> <li>People First Dorset (PFD) is a long-standing established organisation that work specifically with adults with learning disabilities to provide education, support and social activities for Dorset Council residents. These residents often have difficulty accessing information and advice; tend to have either fixed or low incomes; housing issues; low mental and physical health outcomes and therefore have become more vulnerable during the cost of living.</li> <li>It has been reported that there has been a significant increase in these residents being targeted for fraudulent financial scams and cybercrime.</li> <li>PFD have developed a project to run a series of accessible workshops and drop-in sessions for them and their carers across the Dorset Council area in partnership with specialist providers and our Day Centres to advise and educate in accessible formats on: <ul> <li>Fraudulent financial scams and cyber crime</li> <li>Income maximisation</li> <li>Housing and independent living support</li> <li>Budgeting</li> <li>Mental and physical health support</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Access to CoL advice and Guidance	£25,000	Proactive & Reactive	<ul> <li>Driving economic prosperity</li> <li>Creating stronger, healthier communities</li> </ul>

	Age UK NSWD	Age UK- North, South, West Dorset (Age NSWD) support older people with <b>information</b> , <b>advice</b> , <b>and guidance</b> in their welfare benefits team. Dorset has the highest population of 85+ and 2 <sup>nd</sup> highest population of 65+. The majority of this their work is assistance in completing applications for Attendance Allowance; Personal Independence Payments (PIP); Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Pension Credit. In the last financial year, this achieved an additional £2.2m in entitled benefits. This is not a regularly commissioned service by any of the statutory authorities and is currently a significant risk area for Age NSWD. This funding will enable Age NSWD to continue to support vulnerable older people, most of whom are on fixed budgets to ensure they are receiving the full benefits they are entitled to. Potential beneficiaries: 100+ <i>Funding request can be flexed.</i>	CoL advice and Guidance	£50,000	Proactive & Reactive	<ul> <li>Driving economic prosperity</li> <li>Creating stronger, healthier communities</li> </ul>
Page 22	Island Community Action	<ul> <li>Helping Hands Support programme The Island Community Action (ICA) Helping Hands programme supports 1020 older, isolated and disabled people on Portland with a series of CoL support programmes including befriending, advice and benefits, lunch clubs, shopping and pharmacy collection, community transport to medical appointments and other mental and physical health support. This programme is not a commissioned service by any of the statutory authorities and is a significant risk area for ICA. Demand for this service is significantly increasing due to the cost-of-living challenge and ICA are currently at full capacity without investment. This is the only project being proposed to be geographically specific, however Portland does have many geographically specific challenges which ICA are experts in supporting and they offer a holistic support service. Potential beneficiaries: 1020+ <i>Funding request can be flexed</i></li></ul>	Access to CoL advice and Guidance	£50,000	Proactive & Reactive	<ul> <li>Driving economic prosperity</li> <li>Creating stronger, healthier communities</li> </ul>

13	Dorset	Support for village/community halls sustainability				
10	Community	60% of the Dorset Council area is rural. In rural communities the			Proactive &	<ul> <li>Driving economic</li> </ul>
	Action	village/community halls are often the focal point and the key to	CoL advice		Reactive	prosperity
		5 11 5	and Guidance			<ul> <li>Creating stronger,</li> </ul>
		of living support.				healthier communities
		Dorset Community Action (DCA) are the Dorset Action with				
		Communities in Rural England (ACRE) representative. They have a				
		close working relationship with 192 village halls in the Dorset Council				
		area.				
		Funding for halls sustainability is scarce, however a 2024 research				
		report from DCA identified 5 themes including good use of				
		village/community halls in rural areas breaks down the need for often				
		expensive transport to urban areas to access services; promotes				
		social inclusion; supports mantal and physical well-being; promote				
		community connectivity. All of these themes link directly to supporting the cost of living agenda in rural communities.				
		This funding will support DCA to run a programme to offer a series of				
Page		additional advocacy, casework and workshop support to help to make				
β		these halls sustainable via funding, governance, volunteer advice, good practice and to link with other partners.				
23		Potential beneficiaries: 192 Village Halls plus their local communities				
		Funding request can be flexed				
14		Community Transport.				
		Core budget for the Community Transport scheme in Dorset Council	Sustainable /	£100,000	Proactive &	<ul> <li>Driving economic</li> </ul>
	Place –	is well below national council average and predominately used to	Affordable		Reactive	prosperity
	Community	assist startup schemes with the expectation they are self-sustaining by the end of year one. Unlike most other council supported	Transport			Creating stronger,
	Transport &	schemes, most of Dorset's are 100% volunteer led (apart for official				healthier communities
	VCSO	bus route commissions) and often only have the capacity to support				<ul> <li>Becoming a more responsive customer</li> </ul>
		medical appointments.				focused council
		Unfortunately, with increased insurance, fuel and other costs many				
		are not sustainable within this period, the HSF have given £20K to support with community transport schemes with immediate costs but				
		only 15 of the 75 schemes have benefitted and there is now a waiting				
		list for support.				

Page 24		<ul> <li>Affordable transport options are continually raised as a barrier for accessing local community support across the full VCS and has been added as a priority to support with the Cost-of-Living priorities for 2024-25.</li> <li>This funding would offer additional support to their identified priorities to supporting and developing the network to become more sustainable.</li> <li>1. Giving financial support to schemes whose vehicles are at the end of their serviceable lives so that the schemes can continue to provide their service.</li> <li>2.Increasing the contribution of the HSF to support some of the 60 schemes with core expenditure costs.</li> <li>3. Financial support for journey planning software to increase efficiency and reduce admin time for the volunteer scheme coordinators</li> <li>4. Setting up new car schemes in areas where transport is limited (based on mapping data).</li> <li>Potential beneficiaries: 1000+</li> </ul>				
15	Customer Services - Libraries	In 2023 Dorset Library Service started running an <b>iPad loan scheme</b> seeking to reduce isolation and increase digital inclusion which has a direct positive impact on CoL support. Other targeted outcomes include improving health and wellbeing and increasing employment levels. The programme also includes 1:1 tuition with a DC volunteer Digital Champion to explain the use of technology in a jargon-free way. Currently iPads are available from 7 libraries (Blandford, Bridport, Dorchester, Ferndown, Sherborne, Swanage, Weymouth), however now the pilot programme has proven a success in its aims, there is a need to extend it further. This additional funding will provide 10 new Wi-Fi enabled devices; licenses; cases; sim cards; marketing and promotional materials. Potential beneficiaries: 100+ (continuous reissue) <i>Funding request can be flexed</i>	Digital Inclusion	£10,000	Proactive	<ul> <li>Driving economic prosperity</li> <li>Creating stronger, healthier communities</li> <li>Becoming a more responsive customer focused council</li> </ul>

16 Page 25		The cost-of-living impact are continuing to affect Dorset's families with children, particularly those on low incomes. The funded projects from the past financial year evidenced the positive impact this funding has in supporting low income. 1. Readiness for school in September 2024/25 (£20,000) - this is a proactive programme to support young children currently evidencing delays with language, social and emotional development as this will have a longer-term impact on their attainment in school. It will support parents to work as children will be in childcare. It will also support the sustainability of VCS childcare settings. 2. Local Alliance Groups (£42,000) – This funding will be distributed to locality based VCSO's directly supporting low income and vulnerable families with the cost-of-living challenge including VCS childcare settings. 3. Cost of Living for school readiness programmes (£18,000) – This funding will remove the pressures of low-income families to spend money on school readiness essential items such as book bags, uniform, shoes. The funding will be distributed via our Locality Family Help teams working with these families. 4. Increased food offer for the holidays activities and food programme (HAF) (£20,000) - This will enable flexibility to support smaller local VCSO's to broaden their HAF offer in communities not currently delivering. Potential beneficiaries: 200+		£100,000	Proactive & Reactive	•	Driving economic prosperity Creating stronger, healthier communities Becoming a more responsive customer focused council
17	– Digital Place	<b>Digital Doorway Project</b> In Dorset 11% of residents are completely offline and 20% lack some of the essential skills to get online. The digital doorway project has so far supported over 600 applications with remanufacturing used devices (475 laptops, 125 tablets) along with 200 dongles and 275 SIM cards, equating to over £200,000 of ICT equipment. The economic impact of this is potentially over £1m. Many recipients have been supported through the Dorset Council Digital Champion volunteers programme to improve their online skills which supports the cost-of-living support programme by enabling these vulnerable residents access to employment; online shopping and access to mental and physical health support.	Digital Inclusion	£150,000	Proactive	•	Driving economic prosperity Creating stronger, healthier communities Becoming a more responsive customer focused council Protecting our natural environment, climate and ecology

	Budget total:	£2,000,000	
	Yet to be allocated for quarters 3 and 4 according to emerging trends	£293,011	 
18+			
	Total:	£1,706,989	
	Funding request can be flexed		
	Potential beneficiaries: 600+		
	This funding will enable the project to continue and have the flexibility to source devices suitable to individuals' needs.		
	Carbon savings to this programme also include 63,000KGs of sequestered carbon emissions and 38,000,000 litres of water.		

## Place and Resources Overview Committee Draft Work Programme

#### Meeting Date: 11 July 2024

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Councillors	Other Information
Cost of Living Support 2024- 25	To provide comments to the Cabinet Member for Customer, Culture & Community Engagement in relation to the proposed programme of funded activity to be supported for 2024-25	Laura Cornette (Business Partner – Communities & Partnerships) Councillor Ryan Hope (Cabinet Member for Customer, Culture & Community Engagement)	Report considered by Cabinet on 11 June 2024

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## Meeting Date: 12 September 2024

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Councillors	Other Information
Strategic Asset Management Plan 2024 - 2030	To consider the Strategic Asset Management Plan 2024 – 2030 and recommend to Cabinet	Julian Wain (Strategic Property Advisor) and Tim Hulme (Corporate Director for Assets & Regeneration) Councillor Richard Biggs (Deputy Leader, Cabinet member for Property & Assets, Economic Growth & Levelling Up)	To be considered by Cabinet on 15 October 2024
Regeneration Strategy	To consider a refresh of the Council's strategy for economic growth. This will encompass the functions to be taken over by the Council from Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) in accordance with devolution and promote the needs and actions required to drive forward the economy in the Dorset Council area	Helen Heanes (Principal Economic Development Officer) Jon Bird (Service Manager, Growth & Economic Regeneration) Councillor Richard Biggs (Deputy Leader, Cabinet member for Property & Assets, Economic Growth & Levelling Up)	To be considered by Cabinet 15 October 2024

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Councillors	Other Information
Waste Strategy for Dorset 2024	To consider a waste strategy for Dorset and make comments and a recommendation to Cabinet	Louise Bryant (Service Development Manager), Lisa Mounty (Service Development Manager, Gemma Clinton (Head of Commercial Waste & Strategy) Councillor Jon Andrews (Cabinet member for Place Commissioned Services)	To be considered by Cabinet on 15 October 2024
Draft Contaminated Land Strategy Page 20	To consider the draft Contaminated Land Strategy and report of consultation findings on the draft strategy and provide comments and recommendation to Cabinet	Steve Horsler (Environmental Health Officer) & Janet Moore (Service Manager Environmental Protection) Councillor Ryan Hope (Cabinet member for Customer, Culture & Community Engagement)	To be considered by Cabinet on 19 November 2024

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### Meeting Date: 21 November 2024

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

## Meeting Date: 30 January 2025

Report Title လ	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Councillors	Other Information
Review of policies to be Endertaken and prioritised for review by the committee			

## Meeting Date: 13 March 2025

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

### Informal work of the committee:

Date	Торіс	Format	Councillors	Lead Officers	Other Information

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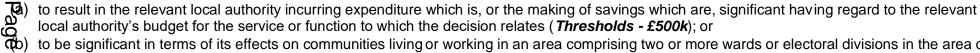
## The Cabinet Forward Plan - September to December 2024 (Publication date – 9 AUGUST 2024)

#### **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 -



(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 Members and Portfolios 2024/25

Nick Ireland	Leader / Governance, Performance and Communications, Environment, Climate Change and Safeguarding
Richard Biggs	Deputy Leader, Property & Assets, Economic Growth & Levelling Up
Simon Clifford	Finance & Capital Strategy
Ryan Holloway	Corporate Development, Transformation, Digital & Change
Jon Andrews	Place Commissioned Services
Clare Sutton	Children's Services, Education & Skills
Steve Robinson	Adult Social Care
Gill Taylor	Public health, Environmental Heath, Housing, Community Safety and Regulatory Service.
Shane Bartlett	Planning and Emergency Planning
Ryan Hope	Customer, Culture and Community Engagement

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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Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To approve the EDI Strategy and Action Plan.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 10 Sep 2024	People and Health Overview Committee 23 Jul 2024	Cabinet Member for Corporate Development, Transformation, Digital & Change	Jennifer Lowis, Head of Strategic Communications and Engagement jennifer.lowis@dorsetcounci l.gov.uk, James Palfreman- Kay, Equality, Diveristy & Inclusion Officer james.palfreman- kay@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)
Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring 2024/25 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring Report 2024/25	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 10 Sep 2024		Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil .gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)
Additional Procurement Forward Plan Report - £500k (2024 - 2025) and Modern Slavery Transparency Statement 2023- 2024 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 10 Sep 2024		Cabinet Member for Corporate Development, Transformation, Digital & Change, Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil .gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
The Council define key decision as those with a financial consequence of £500k or more. A procurement forward plan report was approved by Cabinet 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024. This report is additional activity that has since been identified. The Modern Slavery Statement is an annual update in respect of financial year 2023/24.					Dunn)
Commissioning for better life, Day Opportunities in Dorset Opportunities in Dorset Opportunities in Dorset Opportunities in Dorset Opportunities of Open Opportunities including research to date, supporting data and recommendations develop a model that delivers a bespoke and range of options for future reinvestment.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 10 Sep 2024	People and Health Overview Committee 23 Jul 2024	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	Mark Tyson, Corporate Director for Adult Commissioning & Improvement mark.tyson @dorsetcouncil. gov.uk Corporate Director of Commissioning, People - Adults
Community Safety Plan 2023-26 (2024-25 refresh) and Pan-Dorset Reducing Reoffending Strategy 2024-227 and Serious Violence Strategy 2024-25 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open The Dorset Community Safety	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 10 Oct 2024	Cabinet People and Health Overview Committee 10 Sep 2024 23 Jul 2024	Cabinet Member for Public Health, Environmental Health, Housing, Community Safety and Regulatory Service	Andy Frost, Service Manager for Community Safety andy.frost@dorsetcouncil.g ov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
Partnership (CSP) is required to produce three year Community Safety Plans that are revised annually and Reducing Reoffending.					
Designing out severe hardship and improving social mobility in Dorset Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To establish a cross-directorate and multi-agency taskforce with the purpose of improving social mobility, reducing poverty, and ensuring cohesive responses apross the Council and with wider partners.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 10 Sep 2024	Health and Wellbeing Board 26 Jun 2024	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	Alice Deacon, Corporate Director for Commissioning and Partnerships alice.deacon@dorsetcouncil .gov.uk Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy) Sarah Crabb, Social Mobility Commissioner
Middle Farm, Higher Kingcombe potential land purchase Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt To consider a report on the potential land purchase using local nutrient mitigation funds to deliver nutrient mitigation for development in Poole Harbour Catchment.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 10 Sep 2024		Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Property & Assets, Economic Growth & Levelling Up	Ken Buchan, Head of Environment and Wellbeing ken.buchan@dorsetcouncil. gov.uk Executive Lead for Place Directorate (Jan Britton)

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
Waste Strategy for Dorset 2024 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider and approve the Waste Strategy for Dorset.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 15 Oct 2024	Place and Resources Overview Committee 12 Sep 2024	Cabinet Member for Place Commissioned Services	Gemma Clinton, Head of Commercial Waste and Strategy gemma.clinton@dorsetcoun cil.gov.uk, Lisa Mounty, Service Development Manager lisa.mounty@dorsetcouncil. gov.uk Executive Lead for Place Directorate (Jan Britton)
Growth & Economic Regeneration Strategy Decision - Yes Bublic Access - Open To consider and agree a refresh of the Council's strategy for economic growth. This will encompass the functions to be taken over by the Council from Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership in accordance with devolution and promote the needs and actions required to drive forward the economy in the Dorset Council area.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 15 Oct 2024	Place and Resources Overview Committee 12 Sep 2024	Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Property & Assets, Economic Growth & Levelling Up	Jon Bird, Service Manager for Growth and Economic Regeneration jon.bird@dorsetcouncil.gov. uk, Nick Webster, Head of Growth and Economic Regeneration nicholas.webster@dorsetco uncil.gov.uk Executive Lead for Place Directorate (Jan Britton)
Strategic Asset Management Plan 2024 - 2030 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To present the Strategic Asset Management Plan 2024-2030 and seek endorsement.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 15 Oct 2024	Place and Resources Overview Committee 12 Sep 2024	Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Property & Assets, Economic Growth & Levelling Up	Tim Hulme, Corporate Director of Assets and Regeneration tim.hulme@dorsetcouncil.g ov.uk, Julian Wain, Strategic Property Advisor Julian.wain@dorsetcouncil. gov.uk Executive Lead for Place

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
					Directorate (Jan Britton)
Allocation S106 Funding for community facilities at Mampitts Green Shaftesbury Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To determine the award of the s106 developer contribution funding for the delivery of community facilities at Mampitts Green, Shaftesbury.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 15 Oct 2024		Cabinet Member for Planning and Emergency Planning	Andrew Galpin, Infrastructure & Delivery Planning Manager andrew.galpin@dorsetcoun cil.gov.uk, Mike Garrity, Head of Planning mike.garrity@dorsetcouncil. gov.uk Executive Lead for Place Directorate (Jan Britton)
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Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring Report 2024/25 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider the Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring Report 2024/25	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 19 Nov 2024		Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil .gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)
Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and budget strategy - update Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To receive a budget update for	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 19 Nov 2024		Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil .gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
2025/26.					Dunn)
Draft Contaminated Land Strategy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Draft Contaminated Land Strategy and report of consultation findings on the draft strategy.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 19 Nov 2024	Place and Resources Overview Committee 12 Sep 2024	Cabinet Member for Customer, Culture and Community Engagement	Steven Horsler, Environmental Health Officer steven.horsler@dorsetcoun cil.gov.uk, Janet Moore, Service Manager for Environmental Protection Janet.Moore@dorsetcouncil .gov.uk Executive Lead for Place Directorate (Jan Britton)
ບ ວ ບ O Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring 20024/25	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 28 Jan 2025		Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital	Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial
<b>Key Decision</b> - No <b>Public Access</b> - <b>Open</b> To consider the Quarter 3 financial Monitoring Report				Strategy	sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil .gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan
2024/25					Dunn)
Budget strategy and medium-term financial plan (MTFP)	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 11 Feb 2025	People and Health Scrutiny Committee 16 Jan 2025	Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial
<b>Key Decision</b> - Yes <b>Public Access</b> - <b>Open</b> To consider a report and recommendation of the Portfolio			Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee 17 Jan 2025		sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil .gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan
Holder for Finance, Commercial			Cabinet		Dunn)

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
and Capital Assets.			28 Jan 2025		

#### **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.

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