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**DECISIONS OF THE CABINET
15 OCTOBER 2024**

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on 15 October 2024 and will come into force and may be implemented on 25 October 2024 unless the decision is called in for scrutiny.

In accordance with the council's constitution, any six members of the same relevant Scrutiny Committee may request the Monitoring Officer to 'call-in' a decision for scrutiny. The Monitoring Officer will be provided with written notice that will identify the decision to be called-in and the ground for the call-in when the request is made. If satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the proposed call-in, the Monitoring Officer will notify the decision-maker of the call-in within 5 clear working days. The deadline for this request is **24 October 2024**.

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

6 REABLEMENT CENTRES

- (a) That the Council owned site of the former Sidney Gale Care Home, Flood Lane, Bridport be allocated for development as Dorset's first reablement centre.
- (b) That the Executive Director of Adults & Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, be authorised to procure and award the contract for the services for the demolition of the existing buildings and clearance of the site in accordance with the Council's financial regulations and Contract Procedure Rules.
- (c) That the Executive Director of Adults & Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, be authorised to procure and award the contract for services to develop the design of the new centre and submit a planning application for the development of the centre in accordance with the Council's financial regulations and Contract Procedure Rules.
- (d) That the Executive Director of Adults & Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, the commencement of the procurement of services for the construction of the centre, subject to the outcome of actions within (c), with the contract award to be approved by Cabinet (*estimated autumn 2025*).

Reason for decision

To secure the provision of reablement services for older people requiring higher levels of care by building up to three homes in the county at an estimated cost of £80m which would then be leased to one or more third party care providers to operate. Without investment, the Council considered that there was an unacceptable high risk that it would be unable to meet some of its duties under sections 1 & 2 of the Care Act 2014.

7 DORSET COUNCIL CHILDCARE PROVISION

- (a) That the ownership and management of the Dorset Council run Nursery and Oscar's Out of School Club in Blandford in its current form, be transferred to *The Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust (DSAT), in order to expand the provision at Archbishop Wake CE Primary School and enhance the educational offer to create a single school from 0 years, through to 11 years, on terms to be agreed by the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills, in consultation with the Executive Director for Children's and the Executive Director for Corporate Development Services.
- (b) That Dorset Council progress discussions with Sherborne Area Schools Trust (SAST) to consider feasibility of transferring ownership of the nursery provision at the Dorset Council run Nursery at Shaftesbury Children's Centre, or to procure and award a contract to a suitably skilled provider to take on management of the service in the event that Sherborne Area Schools Trust is not able to do so.
- (c) Cabinet agreed to the lease of appropriate facilities at Blandford Children's Centre and Shaftesbury Children's Centre to the successful providers who take on the operation of Nurseries and out of school provision on these sites on terms to be agreed by the

Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth, in consultation with the Executive Director for Place and the Executive Director People – Children.

*Subject to community consultation and grant of Significant Change by the Department for Education (DfE) [Making significant changes to an academy: January 2024 \(applies from April 2024\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/131111/making-significant-changes-to-an-academy-january-2024.pdf)

Reason for the decision

Dorset Council has a duty to ensure that sufficient childcare was available for parents, but there was no statutory obligation for a local authority to provide childcare. Most childcare settings were run by the private sector, voluntary organisations, or schools. These types of organisations were expertly placed to run thriving childcare settings with the dedicated leadership, experience, resources, and skills to do this effectively.

8 DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT: LOCAL ENFORCEMENT PLAN 2024

That the Development Management Local Enforcement Plan 2024 “LEP” document be formally adopted, thereby superseding the currently published Development Management Planning Enforcement Plan 2019.

Reason for the decision

The Development Management Local Enforcement Plan 2024 “LEP” document set out Dorset Council’s approach to enforcement matters in line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). It also set out the council’s priorities for investigating and, where applicable, remedying breaches of planning control.

9 STURMINSTER MARSHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- (a) That the Council “makes” the Sturminster Marshall Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2033 (as set out in Appendix A of the Cabinet report of 15 October 2024) part of the statutory development plan for the Sturminster Marshall Neighbourhood Area.
- (b) That the Council offers its congratulations to Sturminster Marshall Parish Council and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group for producing a successful neighbourhood.

Reason for the decision

To formally “make” the Sturminster Marshall Neighbourhood Plan 2023 – 2033 part of the statutory development plan for the Sturminster Marshall Neighbourhood Area.

10 BCP COUNCIL UNMET NEED REQUEST RESPONSE

That Dorset Council was unlikely to be able to meet any of the BCP Council unmet housing need without further work on the urban capacity and Green Belt review being undertaken, particularly in the light of the significant increase in housing targets proposed through the recent government consultation.

Reason for the decision

To respond to the formal request from BCP Council for Dorset Council to consider helping to meet the unmet need as required by the Duty to Cooperate.

11 ALLOCATION S106 DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES AT MAMPITTS GREEN SHAFTESBURY

Cabinet agreed

- (a) Cabinet agreed to award ringfenced s106 developer contributions up to the value of £876,278 to Shaftesbury Town Council for the purpose of building and operating a Community Hub and landscaped open space and recreational facilities at Mampitts Green, Shaftesbury, subject to fulfilment of the conditions set out in paragraphs 6.7 to 6.14 of the report to Cabinet of 15 October 2024.
- (b) That the appraisal of further information required by the conditions is agreed by the Head of Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member and Portfolio for Planning and Emergency Planning, and any subsequent transfer of funds (and land) is made under the relevant officer delegation in accordance with the s106 protocol process.

Reason for the decision

To support the delivery of much-needed community facilities to serve the residents of Shaftesbury by fulfilling the requirements of longstanding planning obligations linked to the Maltings development.

12 GROWTH & ECONOMIC REGENERATION STRATEGY

- (a) That the principle of establishing a new “economic growth-board” to provide business representation into the democratic decision-making process, be approved.

Approval for the governance and membership of this group would be subject to a separate decision.

- (b) That the formal withdrawal of Dorset Council from the Dorset LEP CIC on or before 31 March 2025 be approved.
- (c) That the broad approach to the development of the Economic Growth Strategy be approved.
- (d) That the key issues impacting the Dorset economy be noted.

Reasons for the decision

To develop a strategy and to implement it successfully, the council would step into the space vacated by the LEP and build a new set of strategic relationships with the business community that enables them to feed into the decision-making process. The Strategy would set out how the council would proactively engage at a strategic level with the various town Chambers of Commerce and Business Improvement Districts to ensure locality needs are captured.

13 DORSET COUNCIL - STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2024 - 2030

That the Strategic Asset Management Plan 2024-2030 be approved.

Reasons for the decision

The purpose the Strategic Asset Management Plan 2020 – 2030 was to establish a land and property portfolio which supported the Council's Vision, ensuring value for money and a commitment to become carbon net zero, whilst protecting and enhancing the natural environment.

14 REVIEW OF THE DORSET COUNCIL WASTE STRATEGY

That the revised Dorset Waste Strategy be approved.

Reason for the decision

To ensure that the strategy remains a valid, high-level document which would provide a framework for future decisions regarding waste management in Dorset.

17 TO ENTER INTO A NEW LEASE OF THE SHERBORNE HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING & WASTE TRANSFER CENTRE

That the recommendations set out in the exempt report of Cabinet 15 October 2024, be approved.

Reasons for the decision

To renew the lease at the Sherborne Household Recycling & Waste Transfer Centre.