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**DECISIONS OF THE CABINET
17 DECEMBER 2024**

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on xxx and will come into force and may be implemented on xxx 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 **27 December 2024**.

The full call-in procedure is set out in the Constitution or for further information and advice please telephone George Dare on 01305 224185

6 COASTAL TRANSITION ACCELERATOR PROGRAMME PROJECT OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

That:

1. The Dorset Coastal Transition Accelerator Programme Project Outline Business Case (found in Appendix A), be endorsed.
2. The draw-down of the £3m grant funding, ongoing throughout the project, be authorised.
3. The procurement of the necessary materials, professional & other services and construction contractor(s) for the project be approved and authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Place Services in consultation with the Executive Director Corporate Development and the Cabinet Member for Place Services to award necessary contracts on appropriate terms and subject to a budget being identified and allocated, and that the total value of the contracts within the project should not exceed £3m.

Reasons for the decision:

The £3m outline business case requires cabinet approval. The recommendations give officers the necessary authority to draw-down the external grant funding and progress the project to the delivery stage.

7 DORSET NATIONAL LANDSCAPE (AONB) INTERIM MANAGEMENT PLAN

That the Dorset National Landscape interim management plan be adopted.

Reason for the decision:

- a) to fulfil Dorset Council's legal obligations under the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000.
- b) to enable the existing management plan policy framework to remain current until a new plan is adopted.

8 ALDERHOLT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2022-2034

- a) That the Council 'makes' the Alderholt Neighbourhood Plan 2022 - 2034 (as set out in Appendix A of the report) part of the statutory development plan for the Alderholt Neighbourhood Area.
- b) That the Council offers its congratulations to Alderholt Parish Council and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group for producing a successful neighbourhood plan.

Reasons for the decision:

To formally 'make' the Alderholt Neighbourhood Plan 2022 - 2034 part of the statutory development plan for the Alderholt Neighbourhood Area. In addition, to recognise the significant amount of work undertaken by the Parish Council and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group in preparing the plan and to congratulate the Council and the Group on their success.

9 BLANDFORD + NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MINOR (NON-MATERIAL) MODIFICATIONS REVIEW

That the minor (non-material) modifications, set out in Appendix A to the report, are made to the Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan.

Reasons for the decision:

To correct errors that have been identified in the 'made' (adopted) Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan.

10 INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM URGENT AND EMERGENCY CARE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

That:

1. The system-wide work, that is being undertaken to transform urgent and emergency care services and to provide better outcomes for the residents of Dorset, be commended.
2. The important role for Dorset Council as 'Lead Partner' and managing the contract with Newton, and the substantial financial benefits to the Council that will be achieved as a result of the transformation, be noted.
3. Authority be delegated to the portfolio holder for adults in consultation with the Executive Director for Corporate Development and the Executive Director People – Adults to enter into the UEC Partnership Agreement on behalf of the Council.

Reason for the decision:

To support the improvement of urgent and emergency health and care outcomes for Dorset residents.

11 SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) STRATEGY 2024-27

That the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy 2024-27 be approved.

Reason for the decision:

To ensure the council has a robust strategy to provide good outcomes for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. This is within a challenging national context.

12 QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWING OFFICER (QARO) INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER'S (IRO) ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

That the Quality Assurance Reviewing Officer (QARO) Independent Reviewing Officer's (IRO) Annual Report 2023-2024 be received and noted.

Reason for the decision:

To ensure that the QARO service continues to develop and evolve to offer the best possible support and challenge to the Local Authority in meeting the needs of our children in care, and to ensure voices of children and young people in care are heard and acted upon.

13 DESIGNATED OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT

That the Designated Officer Annual Report be received and noted.

Reason for the decision:

To provide understanding of the management of allegations process and the impact of Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) service.

14 REFURBISHMENT OF HARDY HOUSE, PORTLAND

That the award of contract for refurbishment of Hardy House to A Hammond and Sons Ltd (As set out in Appendix 1 of the report), be approved.

Reason for the decision:

Dorset Council has a statutory duty under the Housing Act 1996 as amended by the Homelessness Reduction Act 2018 to provide a number of principle duties to those threatened with or who are homeless, including providing emergency and temporary accommodation. By increasing the number of properties owned and managed by the Council there will be a reduction of the Council's use of Bed and Breakfast (B&B) accommodation. This will lead to a direct revenue saving to the Council and an opportunity to generate income – whilst also providing a better service to our residents who find themselves homeless. Hardy House will be refurbished to provide accommodation for those threatened with homelessness or who are homeless.

18 ACQUISITION OF LAND KNOWN AS “KWIKFIT SITE”, WESTWEY ROAD, WEYMOUTH - EXEMPT

That the recommendations as set out in the exempt report be approved.

Reason for the decision:

To support the delivery of the Levelling Up Fund (LUF) proposals.