



Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 24 April 2025
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum: 3)

Nocturin Lacey-Clarke (Chair), Ray Bryan (Vice-Chair), Alex Brenton, Neil Eysenck, Scott Florek, Rory Major, David Tooke, Sarah Williams, Louie O'Leary and Craig Monks

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1.	APOLOGIES	
	To receive any apologies for absence.	
2.	MINUTES	5 - 10
	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2025	
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
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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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To review the Executive arrangement forward plans.

Forward Plans are provided to members of the Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee to review and identify any potential post decision scrutiny to be undertaken, by scheduling items into the work programme to review after a period of implementation.

9. URGENT ITEMS

To consider any items of business which the Chair 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 SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2025

Present: Cllrs Nocturin Lacey-Clarke (Chair), Ray Bryan (Vice-Chair), Neil Eysenck, Scott Florek, Sarah Williams, Louie O'Leary and Craig Monks

Apologies: Cllrs Alex Brenton, Rory Major and David Tooke

Also present: Cllr Andrew Parry, Cllr Ben Wilson, Cllr Shane Bartlett, Cllr Gary Suttle and Cllr Steve Robinson

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

Aidan Dunn (Executive Director - Corporate Development S151), Jonathan Mair (Director of Legal and Democratic and Monitoring Officer), Lisa Cotton (Corporate Director for Customer and Cultural Services), Sean Cremer (Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial) and Nina Coakley (Head of Change)

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

Steven Ford (Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Sustainability)

47. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting on 17 January 2025 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

48. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

49. **Public Participation**

Question from Becky Brookman from Unison

As a union representing the workforce, we have several concerns regarding the "Our Future Council 2024" transformation programme outlined in the report:

1. **Lack of Engagement and Communication:**

The report highlights the rapid scaling of the transformation programme and the engagement of external expertise to achieve savings. However, there is no mention of meaningful engagement with the union or the workforce to gather input and address concerns. This lack of involvement isn't shown as a lesson learned from the failures of 2024.

2. **Unrealistic Savings Targets:**

The initial savings target of £8.6 million for 2024/25 was not met, and the new target for 2025/26 is set at £10 million. The report acknowledges the high-risk nature of these targets and the challenges faced in achieving them. The transformation programme is heavily focused on achieving financial savings, with

less emphasis on the well-being and development of employees. This approach can lead to a disengaged workforce and higher turnover rates

3. Impact of Organisational Changes:

The report mentions significant organisational changes, including the change of political leadership and the introduction of a whole-council transformation programme. These changes can create uncertainty and instability within the workforce, affecting morale and productivity. The change of Chief Executive may also impact the ability to deliver savings.

4. Resource Constraints:

The report indicates that additional capacity was required to complete the whole council discovery phase, leading to the engagement of external consultants. This raises concerns about the capacity of internal resources and the potential for over-reliance on external support, which may not be sustainable in the long term, there is potential to upskill our workforce using apprenticeships if we know what skills are needed.

Given these concerns, we urge the council to engage more effectively with the union and the workforce to ensure that the transformation objectives are met in a manner that supports both organisational goals and employee well-being.

Question: The council have been very clear in discussions with Unison that the longer OFC savings take, the more jobs that will need to be cut. How many additional jobs will be lost due to the councils' failure to deliver any savings from OFC 2024?

Response from Aidan Dunn, Executive Director Corporate Development:

1. We consider our engagement and communication as positive with full and regular engagement continuous throughout 2024/25. This has included many meetings with unions and a multitude of engagement sessions and information sharing with colleagues throughout the organisation that are all catalogued.
2. Turnover has not been impacted, and a People and Culture strategy has been developed alongside a refresh of our values to underpin our journey. Financial resilience is just one of the outcomes for our future council. Finance is the focus for this report in response to the key lines of enquiry.
3. Our interim Chief Executive has shared his priorities, including providing a steady hand over our future council transformation as one of his three priorities with full cooperation of our senior leadership team who meet weekly as a programme board. While we are in a period of change, this is reflective of wider changes in the sector and the transformation programme is predicated on making us a more sustainable organisation in the future.
4. The skills and capacity required for our future council transformation have been documented, and the associated investment was included in the business case approved by the cabinet in January 2025. The current programme has a blended approach to external and internal resources and based on business need this will continue to be developed moving forwards.

Response to Question:

No additional jobs will be lost as the £8.6M was funded from reserves. The planned reduction of 386 FTE will occur in 2025/26 and 2026/27, as outlined in the business case approved in January 2025. However, accepting that the

transformation programme may lead to changes that may be uncomfortable, we acknowledge that delays will increase budget pressures, making it crucial to support a well-planned transformation programme moving forward.

50. **Questions from Councillors**

There were no questions from Councillors.

51. **Our Future Council 2024**

The Executive Director Corporate Development introduced the report and the key parts of the Our Future Council (OFC) programme as requested by the committee.

Following the scene setting councillors were invited to debate the item. Several key areas were discussed such as;

- shared recognition for transformation teams across the council in the delivery of transformation to date
- the priority placed upon savings and programme delivery in 2024/25
- the source of funding for the consultants engaged being from an external central government grant
- the change of administration and the impacts of this on multi-year transformational projects.
- the formal process of handover if there is a change of administration or portfolio holder.
- the recognition of risks as part of budget setting transformational savings and the role of the Section 151 Officer in that process.
- the evolution of the OFC programme and the savings identified to include the whole organisational to meet the savings targeted
- the allocation of resources and funding for roles to deliver the programme
- how the structure of the organisation's delivery transformation has changed to one centralised space rather than directorate PMO's
- the additional recognition of the complexity of the programme and how the learning from the external consultants raised the awareness of that complexity and realistic timescales
- the impact of OFC on employee morale and service provision
- the governance structures around OFC
- the decision to instruct Price Waterhouse Cooper (PWC)

Recommendations

The committee requested that the Place and Resources Overview Committee look at the potential of a policy of transition during changes of portfolio holder or political leadership

A 6 monthly performance update as part of the OFC programme delivery to the Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee

The Cabinet member for transformation to inform the Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee with details of the decision making around PWC

The Place and Resources scrutiny Committee to receive the PWC business case.

52. Review of Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)

The Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial introduced the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy and outlined the impacts of this on levels of debt and how debt is financed over time.

Following the introduction the councillors debated the paper covering areas such as;

- the timeline of this change and the rationale for it coming to the Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee
- the confidence in the value of the assets and the impact on prudence of the change of the MRP
- the risk profile of changing MRP
- the definition of and understanding of useful economic life and its connection to the condition of assets
- the discrepancy between the current useful economic life of assets and the current time period for which the debt is written down
- the external views of external auditors and the Council's treasury management advisors

An extension to the meeting was proposed by the Cllr Lacey-Clarke and seconded by Cllr O'Leary

The recommendation that the review of the Minimum Revenue Provision be not approved by Council and that it be considered as part of setting the 2026/27 budget setting process was proposed by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and seconded by Cllr O'Leary and passed with 4 votes for and 2 abstaining.

53. Executive Arrangements Forward Plans

The Committee reviewed the Executive Arrangements Forward Plans.

54. Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

The Committee discussed the forward plan arrangements and added an item around vacant properties for the 24 July 2025 meeting and suggested a Joint Scrutiny item on the Councils vacant housing stock.

55. Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

56. Exempt Business

There was no exempt business.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 am - 1.44 pm

Chairman

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Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee

24 April 2025

Dockless Bike Rental in Southeast Dorset

For Recommendation to the Portfolio Holder

Cabinet Member and Portfolio:

Cllr J Andrews, Place Services

Local Councillor(s):

- **Colehill and Wimborne Minster East:** Cllr Jindy Atwal, Cllr Andy Todd
- **Wimborne Minster:** Cllr Shane Bartlett, Cllr David Morgan
- **Ferndown North:** Cllr Mike Parkes, Cllr Cathy Lugg
- **Ferndown South:** Cllr Julie Robinson, Cllr Hannah Hobbs-Chell
- **West Moors and Three Legged Cross:** Cllr David Shortell, Cllr Andy Skeats
- **West Parley:** Cllr Andrew Parry

Executive Director:

J Britton, Executive Director for Place Services

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Report Status: Public (the exemption paragraph is N/A)

Brief Summary: In January 2022, Dorset Council contracted Beryl Bikes to deliver a dockless bike share scheme in several wards in Southeast Dorset. The initial contract was for three years, with the possibility of annual extensions. However, Beryl Bikes decided to discontinue the scheme after the initial term due to commercial unviability.

Key Lines of Enquiry:

1. Formation of the Beryl contract and infrastructure costs
2. Decision process behind ending the contract

3. Impact on infrastructure and bikes post-termination

Recommendation:

1. **Reallocated Resources:** Ensure that the remaining assets from the terminated scheme (pedal cycles and parklet bays) are effectively utilised in other areas to maximise their value and benefit.
2. **Existing and Future Contracts:** Review existing contracts and work with the supplier to reduce risk of the recurrence of a similar unexpected withdrawal of services.

Reason for Recommendation:

To promote active travel and sustainable transport options in Dorset. Active travel forms an integral part of our drive towards the decarbonisation of transport, which contributes around 30% of emissions throughout Dorset. The Nature Recovery, Climate and Ecology strategy has clear targets in the reduction of emissions throughout Dorset. Active travel also improves health outcomes and can also have a positive impact on air quality. Our Active Travel Infrastructure plan is a long-term plan for improving our network for walking, cycling and mobility aids, and we are continuing to develop a strategic approach to this.

1. **Report**

- 1.1 Dorset Council offered a concession contract in January 2022 to Beryl Bikes to deliver a dockless bike share scheme for the Wimborne, West Moors, Colehill, Ferndown and West Parley wards in the Southeast of the Dorset Council area. The contract was for an initial 3-year term. At the end of the 3-year term Beryl Bikes reviewed ridership in the area and deemed it commercially unviable to continue, so notified Dorset Council of their intention to discontinue the scheme. Beryl required an operating revenue subsidy of £14k per month to continue operating the scheme.

2. **Formation of the Beryl Contract**

- 2.1 **Stage 1:** Business case/expression of interest (dated 10 Nov 2020) considered by the Community Infrastructure Levy Committee chaired by Cllr. Ray Bryan, for the introduction of a dockless bike share scheme. £400k capital funding was requested, £240k capital funding was made available.
- 2.2 **Stage 2:** An exemption to contract procedures was made to enable the Authority to make a direct award. Approval was granted on the basis that:
 - i) Provides customers with a cross-boundary, continuous service solution

- ii) Represents best value as the supplier already operates in the area and therefore already has the supporting infrastructure set up (local workshop, bike recovery and repair facilities)
- iii) Beryl Bikes have already gone through a rigorous procurement process to win the BCP contract – further evidencing of best value.
- iv) Beryl Bikes have an established bike share brand in the locality
- v) It supports our BCP Council partners and joint local transport plans
- vi) Beryl Bikes have a proven service that addresses several potential concerns such as bike dumping/littering, bike safety, vandalism etc.
- vii) Other providers are unlikely to be attracted to a bike share proposition bordering a larger, well established, and successful scheme
- viii) BCP report high levels of satisfaction with the service provided by Beryl
- ix) Speed of delivery – if appointed Beryl Bikes could have bikes in place before the autumn

2.3 Bike share schemes tend to operate in urban areas with large populations. It is unlikely that any bike share scheme provider would see the Southeast area of Dorset as commercially viable as a stand-alone operation without the application of a revenue subsidy. Beryl have use of the operational infrastructure already in place for the BCP scheme. This included a workshop and storage, access to support vehicles, and personnel resource (mechanics, field operatives, management).

These alternative options listed in the exemption request report were explored and discounted:

- i) Joined up contract with BCP Council – Perceived additional risks around the set up if controlled by BCP.
- ii) Full tender process – other suppliers were considered unlikely to be interested in a scheme adjacent to an existing one or be able to deliver at the required quality. When the BCP scheme was extended into Christchurch, BCP went to tender but only received one additional expression of interest which was dismissed on quality and cost grounds. See also Section 2 - Reasons for Recommendation

iii) In-house – Dorset Council have no experience with running bike share schemes.

2.4 **Stage 3:** Specification, invitation to tender, and contract. Documentation used for the BCP tender was used as the basis for the Dorset scheme, this included the contract. The contract was dated 25th January 2022.

COMMENCEMENT AND TERM

The Authority is looking to provide a dockless bike share scheme in Dorset. The Council will fund the provision of bikes for the set- up of the scheme up to the sum of two hundred and sixty three thousand two hundred and twenty five pounds (£263,225.00) (‘the Contract Sum’). The fleet of bikes will remain the property of the Council and will be leased back to the bidder for a nominal sum of £1 per annum for the fleet.

The bidder will provide a Bike Share service for residents and visitors in the Dorset area at its own risk and pay the Authority a Concession Fee.

This Contract shall commence on the date that it has been signed by the parties and shall continue, unless terminated earlier in accordance with its terms, until the third anniversary of the Services Start Date and shall continue thereafter unless and until terminated by either party giving to the other not less than three months’ written notice to terminate this Agreement.

2.5 It was considered unlikely by Beryl that the scheme would have been feasible as a stand-alone service if Beryl no longer operated in the BCP Council area.

3. Cost of Infrastructure

3.1 The table below sets out the project funding for the Southeast Dorset Scheme.

Funding Source	Amount	Infrastructure
Community Infrastructure Levy (Capital)	£240,000*	122 x pedal cycles (inc. spares) 44 x marked, geo-fenced bays
Transforming Cities Funding (Capital)	£23,225	3 Parklet Bays (with seating and signage) 3 x hard standing bays

Set Up Revenue Funding (wholly funded by Beryl Bikes)	£224,600	Maintenance Staff = £158,000 Account Management = £10,600 Operational software/back-office system = £56,000
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*Includes Project Mobilisation (Bay planning, scoping, staff hiring, bike commissioning, etc) = £38,250

4. The decision process behind the ending of the contract in the East of the County

4.1 The decision to terminate the contract at the three-year breakpoint was taken by Beryl Bikes.

4.2 Beryl’s key success metric is number of rides per bike per day. Beryl report that of the 15 schemes they operate nationally the Southeast Dorset scheme is the lowest performing against this metric with fewer than half a ride per day for each asset. This contrasts with the Weymouth, Dorchester and Portland scheme which is at almost 2 rides per day per asset despite the scheme only having operated in the autumn and winter months.

Area	Pedal Bike Use	E-Bike Use
South Dorset - Dorchester Weymouth Portland	n/a	1.9
BCP	0.8	1.5
East Dorset (Upton and Corfe Mullen)	0.2	0.6
East Dorset (Ferndown, Wimborne, West Moors, West Parley and Colehill)	0.1	0.4

4.3 **The Termination Process followed by Beryl:** Without prior warning, Beryl Bikes informed Dorset Council of their intention to terminate the Southeast Dorset Scheme in accordance with the contract terms on 28th November 2024. To continue to provide the service, Beryl Bikes offered a revenue figure of £14,000 per month with Dorset Council taking all the revenue turnover from the scheme (estimated at less than £50k per year).

Given the low usage of the scheme, the Cabinet Member for Place took the decision to not accept this offer.

5. The Infrastructure Post Termination

- 5.1 Pedal Cycles: those pedal cycles not lost, stolen or damaged beyond repair (approximately 80-90 cycles) have been redistributed into the Corfe Mullen, Upton, and BCP scheme where they continue to be available for users.
- 5.2 Geofenced Painted Bays: removed
- 5.3 3 Parklet Bays: 1 Parklet placed at Upton Library. 2 Parklets relocated to the Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland scheme.

6. Financial Implications

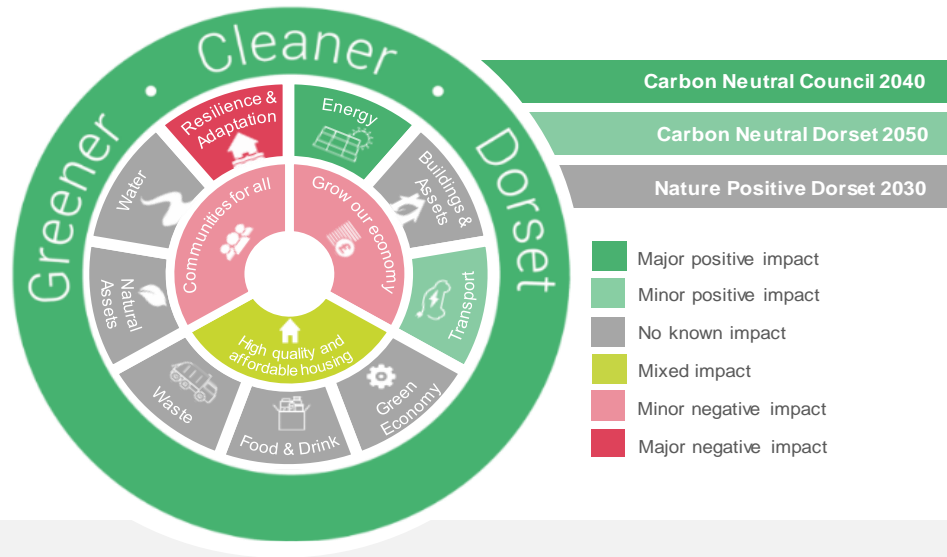
Once set up the scheme has had no further financial liability for Dorset Council with all revenue costs met by Beryl Bikes. Beryl Bikes have also met all costs associated with terminating the scheme.

Approximately 40% of the original capital spend is irrecoverable (painted bays and project set up costs). The remaining 60% of the original scheme investment (pedal bikes and parklet bays) has been redistributed into the remaining scheme.

Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Implications

Removal of the scheme impacts negatively on active travel options for residents and visitors in the area. However, the low usage of the scheme means these negative impacts will be negligible.

Closure of Southeast Dorset Beryl Bike Scheme



Quantitative Impact on CEE targets (if known)		
	Unit	Number of units (+/-)
2030 - Natural asset extent & condition	Ha	0
2040 - Operational Emissions	CO ₂ (tonnes)	

7. Well-being and Health Implications

For users who regularly used the service there may be an impact on personal health and wellbeing if cycling using a Beryl bike is not replaced by some other form of exercise.

Bike share schemes can impact positively on car use and its associated negative health impacts. However, the low ridership means this impact is probably negligible in the case of this scheme.

8. Other Implications

n/a

9. Risk Assessment

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

Current Risk: Low
Residual Risk: Low

10. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

n/a

11. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Accessible table showing natural environment, climate & ecology impacts

Appendix 2 - Appendix 2 – Supporting Information

Southeast Beryl Bike Share Scheme

A Contextual Summary

12. **Background Papers**

Beryl Bikes Annual Rider Report 2024 - [Annual Rider Report 2024.PDF](#)

<https://beryl.cc/sites/default/files/2025-01/Annual%20Rider%20Report%202024.PDF>

13. **Report Sign Off**

- 11.1 This report has been through the internal report clearance process and has been signed off by the Director for Legal and Democratic (Monitoring Officer), the Executive Director for Corporate Development (Section 151 Officer) and the appropriate Portfolio Holder(s)

ACCESSIBLE TABLE SHOWING IMPACTS

Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Strategy Commitments	Impact
Energy	major positive impact
Buildings & Assets	No known impact
Transport	minor positive 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	major negative impact

Corporate Plan Aims	Impact
Grow our economy	minor negative impact
High-quality and affordable housing	neutral
Communities for all	minor negative impact

Appendix 2 – Supporting Information

Southeast Beryl Bike Share Scheme

A Contextual Summary

Prepared by Christopher Whitehouse

Transport Planning Team

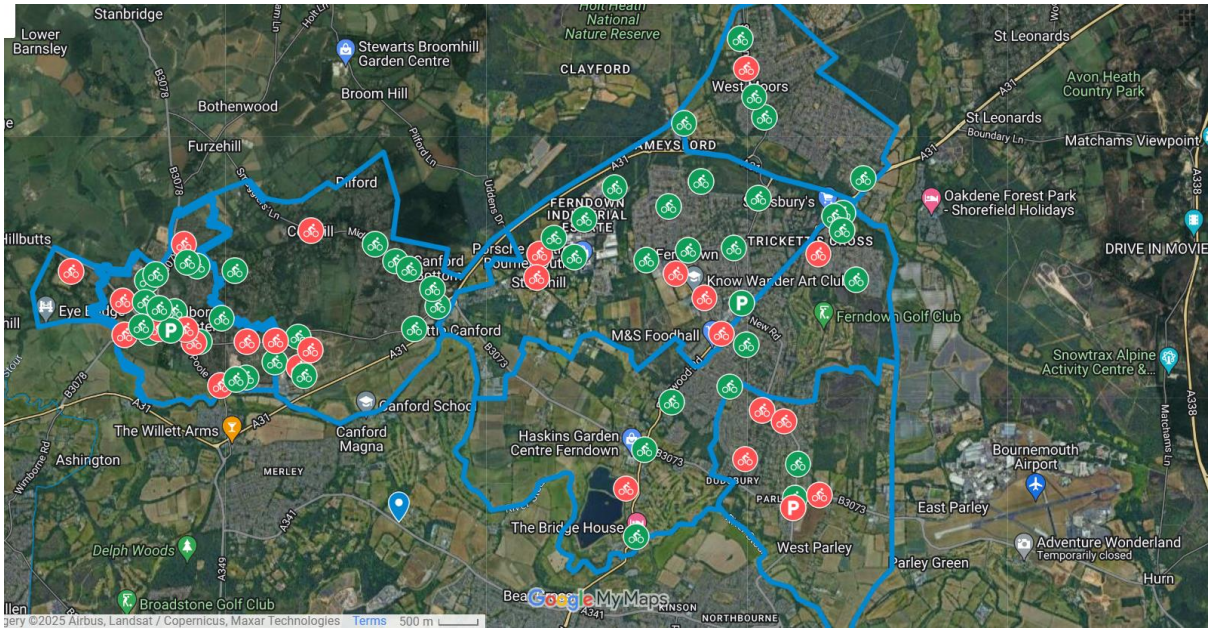
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Introduction

In January 2022 Dorset Council contracted Beryl Bikes to provide 122 pedal bikes and 47 bays including 2 parklet bays for the Ferndown, Colehill, West Moors, Wimborne and West Parley. The scheme went live in August of that year. The number of bays and bikes was based on Beryl's experience of delivering similar schemes around the country and calculated using demographic population data. In November 2024 Beryl Bikes gave notice to the authority that they wished to take advantage of the three-year break clause in the contract unless the scheme could be subsidised on the basis that it was not commercially viable due to persistent low ridership.

Background

The purpose of this report is to provide some background information on the Southeast Dorset Beryl Bike scheme. By contextualising the Southeast Dorset scheme against other schemes, it is possible to get an idea of Beryl's rationale for withdrawing the Wimborne, Ferndown, Cole Hill, West Moors, and West Parley element of the service.



The above map shows the scheme as delivered in August 2022. Green symbols indicate bays that went live. Red symbols are proposed bays that were never installed. Total number of bays = 47 + two parklets.

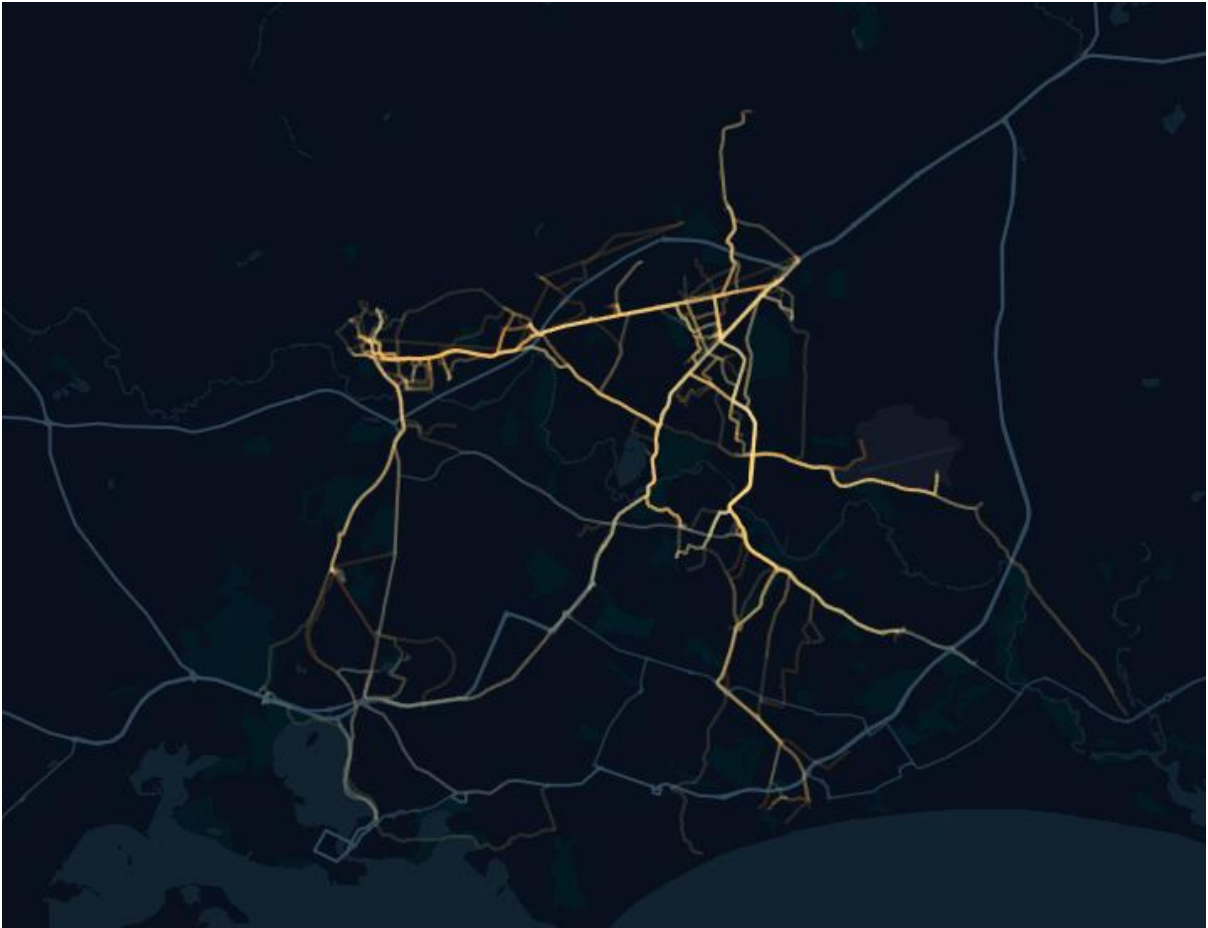
Measuring Success

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Use of the Network

Dorset Council have invested heavily in cycling infrastructure. The heatmap below generated by tracking Beryl Bikes clearly shows use of the network by Beryl users.



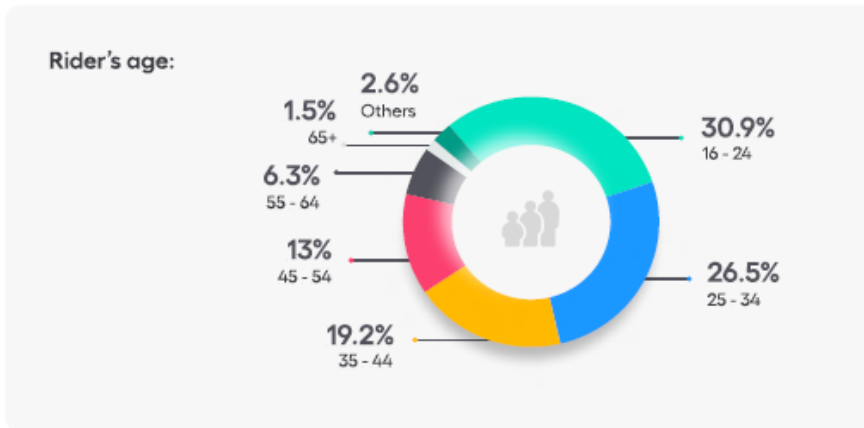
Source: *Beryl Bikes*

Demographics

Personal data about age of riders in Southeast Dorset is not available but according to Beryl's annual rider report most riders are between 16-54 with riders over that age only making up around 7.5% of users.

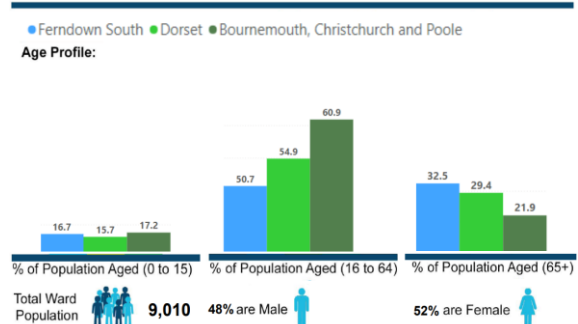
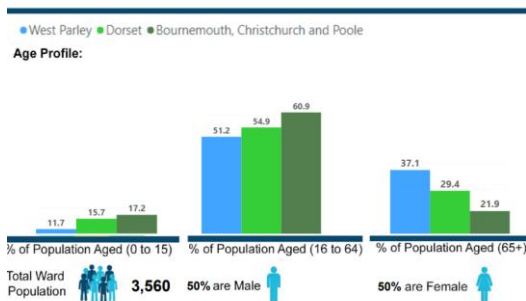
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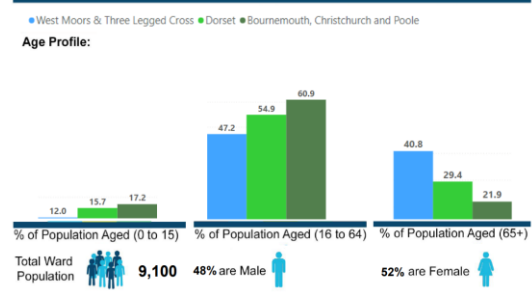
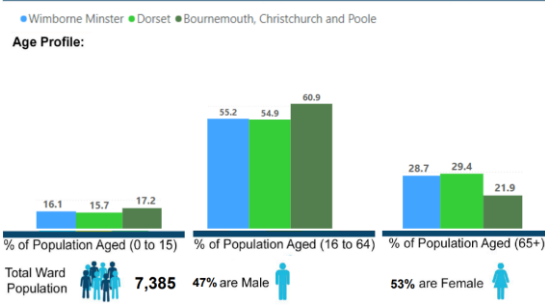
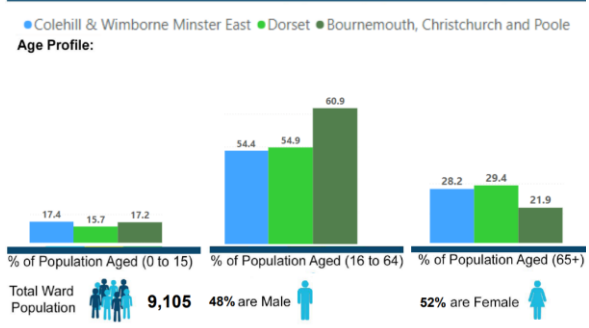
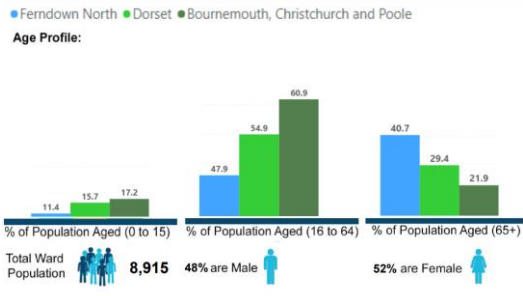
Beryl's user base is predominantly young, with 57% of riders being under 35 indicating a strong appeal to younger demographics.

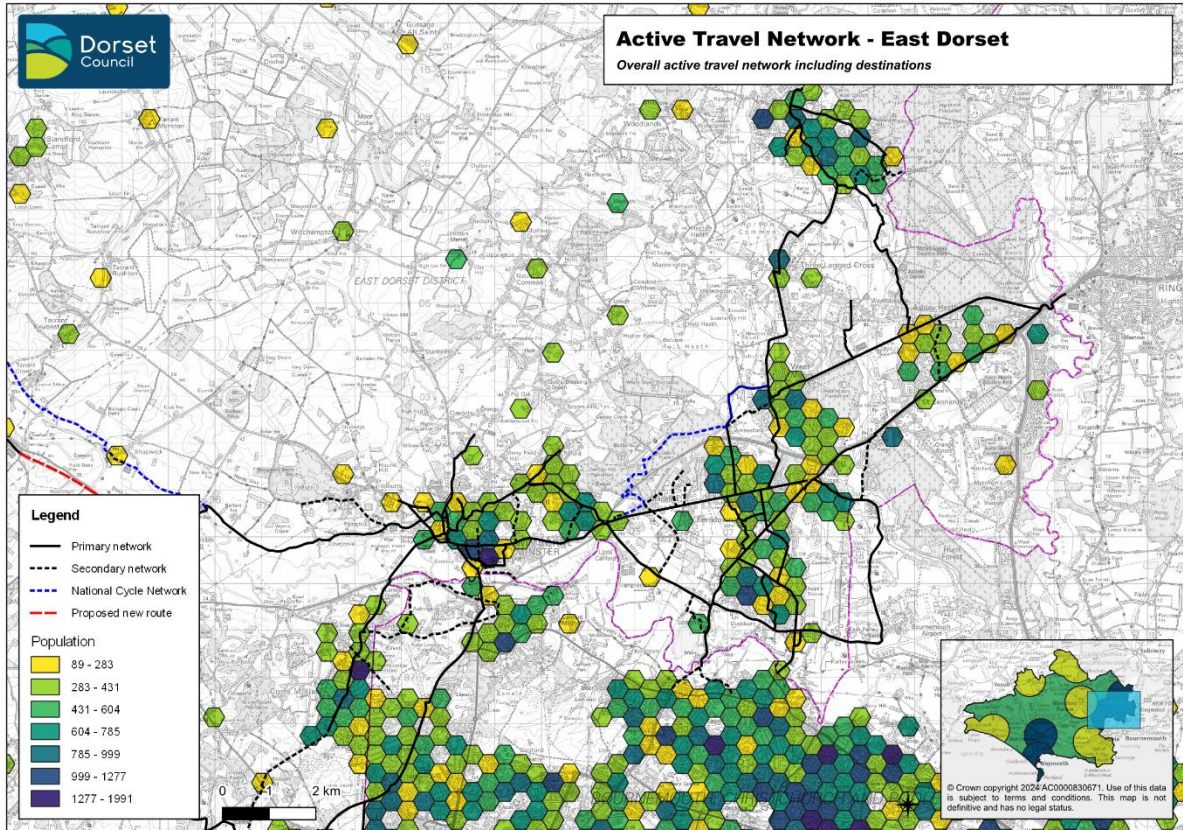


Source: *Beryl Bikes Rider Report 2024*

A look at the age profile for each of the wards in the area (see below) shows that compared to the wider BCP area and Dorset as whole there are generally fewer of the typical ridership types and more people of an age less likely to use the bikes. This may go some way to explain why bike use has been so much lower in the area particularly when compared with the neighbouring Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council area.



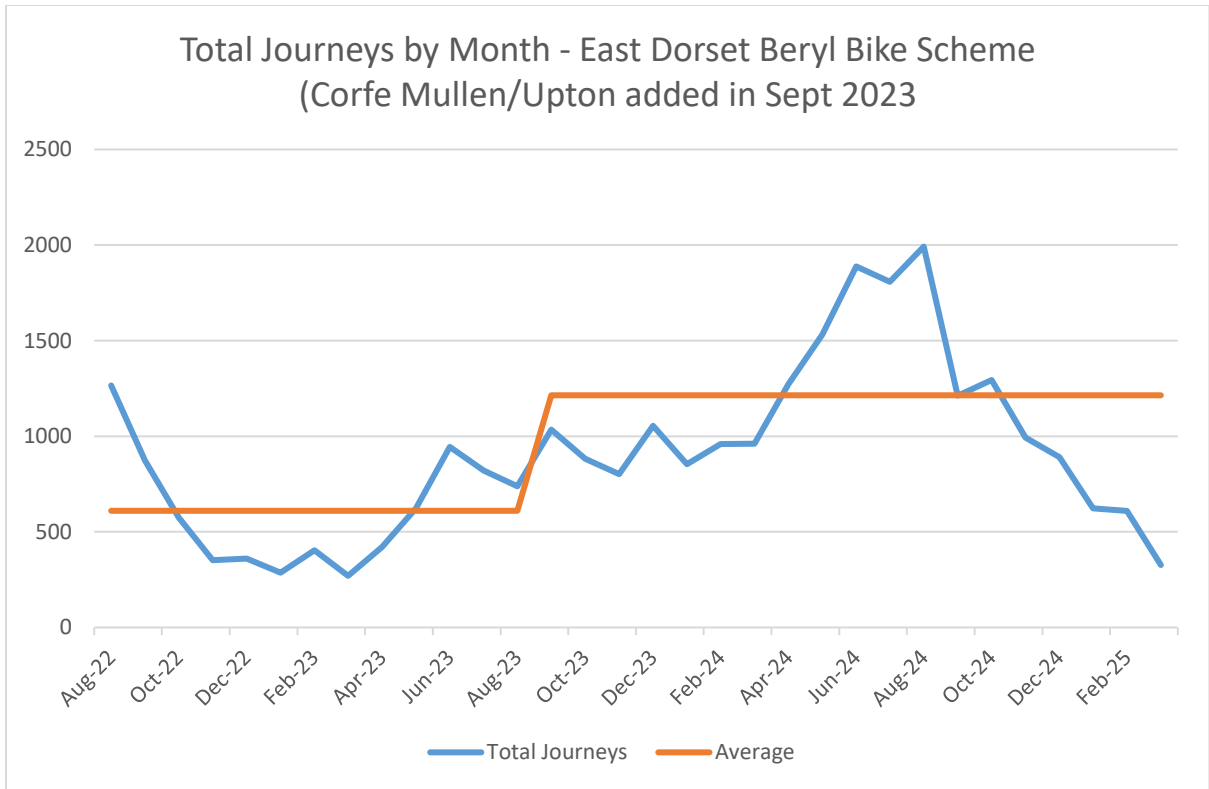




The above map shows population density in relation to the cycle network in the Southeast area of Dorset. From this we can see that the areas of high population density are relatively fragmented. Even so, the cycle network offers good connectivity from which it would have been easy to conclude that a bike share scheme in the area would have been more widely used.

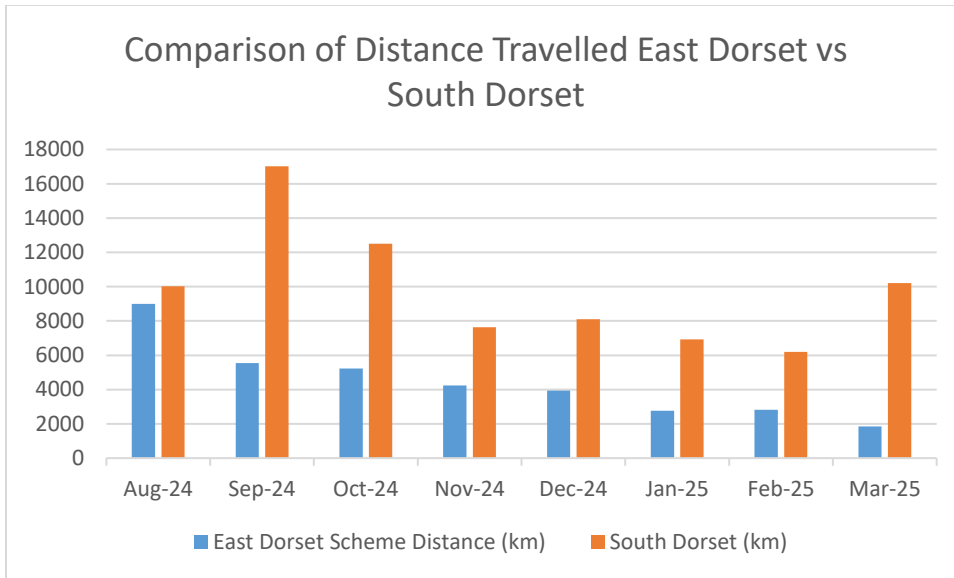
Comparison with the Upton/Corfe Mullen Scheme

A second scheme was added in the Corfe Mullen and Upton area in September 2023. For reporting purposes Beryl combine data from the two schemes. The graph below shows that when the Upton/Corfe Mullen scheme went live the number of journeys virtually doubled across the scheme even though only 12 new bays and 80 ebikes were added to the scheme. Similarly, once the scheme closed in the Southeast area usage fell but only by around 50%.



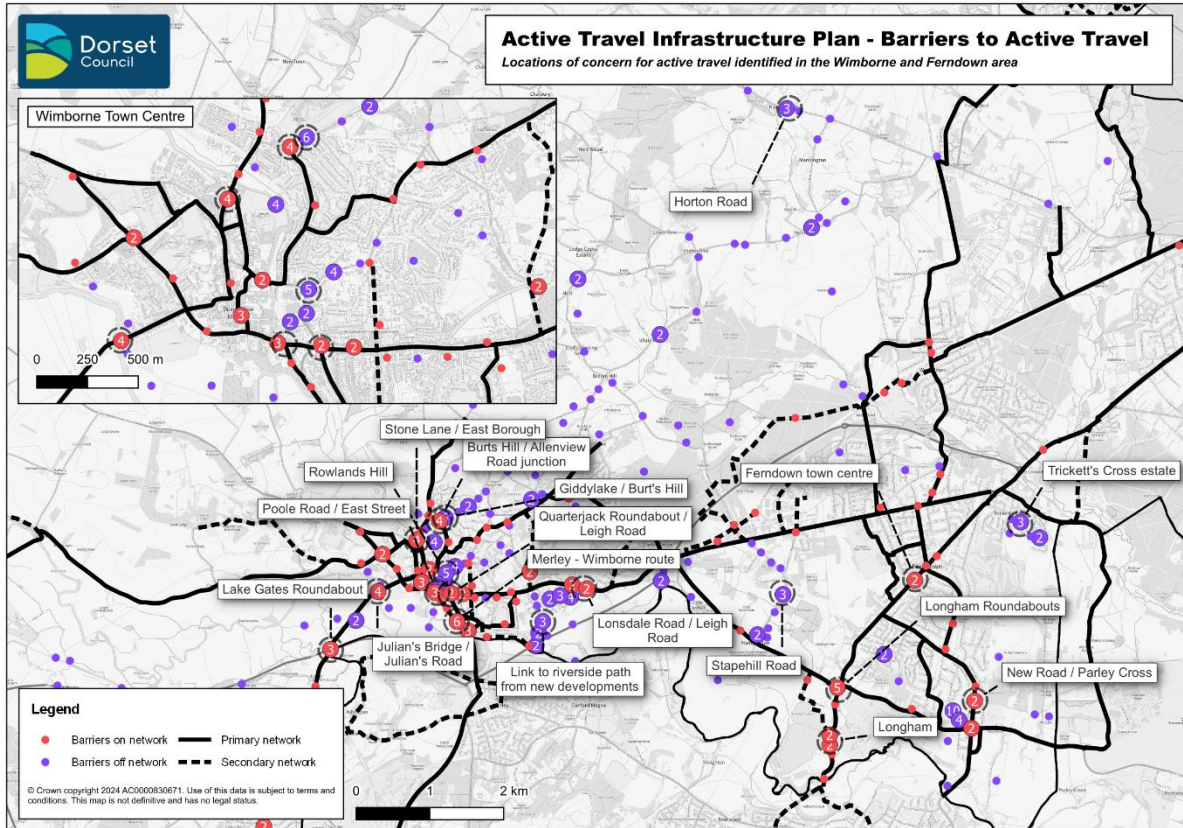
Comparison between East Dorset Scheme and South Dorset Scheme

The Weymouth, Dorchester, Portland South Dorset Beryl bike scheme was launched in August 2024. The scheme is an ebike only scheme. Using distance travelled as a proxy measure, one can see how the two areas differ in ridership. South Dorset opened with only 80 ebikes and was only launched a few days before the bank holiday weekend and yet it still clocked up more distance than the scheme in the whole of East Dorset during the entire month of August. Seeing the data this way helps contextualise and explain why Beryl are saying that the Southeast Dorset scheme is not commercially viable.



The Wider Picture of Cycling and Cycle Infrastructure in the Area

A public engagement exercise carried out by Dorset Council on the barriers to cycling identified these features set out in the map below. In the absence of other information, one should be wary of making a causal link between these perceived barriers and low Beryl bike use but these and other factors will no doubt be a contributory factor.



Conclusion

Bikeshare schemes operate on very narrow margins. Nationally many have failed or terminated due to lower than expected ridership. Beryl have reported that pedal bike schemes are especially hard to make commercially viable with many only working successfully either with significant subsidy either directly or through the additional income generated through e-bikes and e-scooters. From the outset the Southeast Dorset scheme use has been marginal and heavily dependent on its proximity to the larger and more viable scheme in the BCP area.

Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme

Meeting Date: 24 April 2025

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Beryl Bikes	To scrutinise the Beryl Bike contract and the rationale behind the withdrawal from the contract at the break point- Key lines of enquiry	Christopher Whitehouse (Projects Team Manager) Jack Wiltshire (Corporate Director Highways & Engineering)	Beryl Representation requested.

Meeting Date: 26th June 2025

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Budget setting process report	Key lines of enquiry to be created		
Performance Reporting	To review the most recent performance information and use this to agree items to add to the committee work programme for further analysis	Chris Heighway (Strategic Performance Intelligence & Risk) Cllr Nick Ireland (Leader, Cabinet member for Governance, Performance & Communications, Environment, Climate Change & Safeguarding)	

Meeting Date: 25th July 2025

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Procurement	Key lines of enquiry to be created		
Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology – progress report		Antony Littlechild (Sustainability Team Manager) Nick Ireland (Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding)	

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Meeting Date: 18 September 2025

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Property Strategy & Asset Management Plan update			

Pending items:

- FOI and assurance regular update
- The Local Enforcement plan post implementation review
- Our Future Council Programme and Transformation
- Vacant Property- Potentially a Joint Scrutiny Committee depending on scoping discussions

Annual items:

- Property Strategy & Asset Management Plan update – September
- Corporate Complaints Team – Annual Report - November

Bi-annual items:

- Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology – progress report – July and November

Alternate meeting items:

- Performance Scrutiny – informal session held before each committee occurrence - July, November, March

Informal Work of the Committee:

Date	Topic	Format	Members	Lead Officers	Other Information
Quarterly	Review of the committee's performance and risk dashboards	Informal meeting	All committee members	Chris Heighway (Review of the dashboards to identify potential future areas for review by the committee

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Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd Forward Plan - April 2025 to July 2025 (Publication date – 24 MARCH 2025)

Explanatory Note:

This Forward Plan contains future items to be considered by the Shareholder Committee for the Care Dorset Holdings Ltd. 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 which are likely to -

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- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the relevant local authority."

In determining the meaning of "*significant*" for these purposes the Council will have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 9Q of the Local Government Act 2000 Act. Officers will consult with lead members to determine significance and sensitivity.

Committee Membership 2024/25

Cllr Nick Ireland – Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding

Cllr Richard Biggs – Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets, and Economic Growth

Cllr Steve Robinson – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

Cllr Gill Taylor – Cabinet Member for Health and Housing

Cllr Ben Wilson – Cabinet Member for Corporate Development and Transformation

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
April 2025				

<p>Dorset Council Delegated Decisions (as required)</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To note any decisions taken under delegation.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd</p>	<p>Decision Date 14 Apr 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care</p>	<p><i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i></p>
<p>Dorset Council Organisational Update</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Part exempt</p> <p>To present the developments on the part of the Council relevant to Care Dorset.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd</p>	<p>Decision Date 14 Apr 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care</p>	<p><i>Mark Tyson, Corporate Director for Adult Commissioning & Improvement mark.tyson@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i></p>
<p>Care Dorset Update</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Part exempt</p> <p>To provide an update for shareholder members on matters relating to Care Dorset.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd</p>	<p>Decision Date 14 Apr 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care</p>	<p><i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i></p>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
<p>Care Dorset Strategy/Business Plan annual review</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt</p> <p>For the Shareholder Committee to consider progress in delivering the 5 year business plan, and any review of the plan as necessary.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd</p>	<p>Decision Date 14 Apr 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care</p>	<p><i>Mark Tyson, Corporate Director for Adult Commissioning & Improvement mark.tyson@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i></p>
<p>June 2025</p>				
<p>Review of Terms of Reference</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To note the shareholder committee terms of reference.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd</p>	<p>Decision Date 25 Jun 2025</p>	<p>Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding</p>	<p><i>Grace Evans, Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer grace.evans@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i></p>
<p>Dorset Council Delegated Decisions (as required)</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To note any decisions taken under delegation.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd</p>	<p>Decision Date 25 Jun 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care</p>	<p><i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i></p>

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<p>Dorset Council Organisational Update</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Part exempt</p> <p>To present the developments on the part of the Council relevant to Care Dorset.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd</p>	<p>Decision Date 25 Jun 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care</p>	<p><i>Mark Tyson, Corporate Director for Adult Commissioning & Improvement mark.tyson@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i></p>
<p>Care Dorset Update</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Part exempt</p> <p>To provide an update for Shareholder members on matters relating to Care Dorset.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd</p>	<p>Decision Date 25 Jun 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care</p>	<p><i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i></p>
<p>Annual Reports</p>				

<p>Care Dorset Strategy/Business Plan annual review</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt</p> <p>For the Shareholder Committee to consider progress in delivering the 5 year business plan, and any review of the</p>	<p>Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd</p>	<p>Decision Date</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care</p>	<p><i>Mark Tyson, Corporate Director for Adult Commissioning & Improvement mark.tyson@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i></p>
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Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
plan as necessary.				

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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.



The Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE) Forward Plan - February 2025 to June 2025 (Publication date – 6 FEBRUARY 2025)

Explanatory Note:

This Forward Plan contains future items to be considered by the Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence. 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.

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Committee Membership 2024/25

Cllr Nick Ireland – Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding

Cllr Richard Biggs – Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth

Cllr Ryan Hope – Cabinet Member for Customer, Culture and Community Engagement

Cllr Clare Sutton – Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education & Skills

Cllr Gill Taylor – Cabinet Member for Health and Housing

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
March 2025				

<p>Dorset Council Delegated Decisions (if required)</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To note any decisions taken under delegation.</p>	<p>Decision Maker The Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE)</p>	<p>Decision Date 10 Mar 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills</p>	<p><i>Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i></p>
<p>Dorset Council Commissioner's Report</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt</p> <p>To provide an overview of the current position in relation to delivery by the Dorset Centre of Excellence against the commissioning agreement.</p>	<p>Decision Maker The Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE)</p>	<p>Decision Date 10 Mar 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills</p>	<p><i>Claire Webb, Strategic Commissioner claire.webb@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i></p>
<p>DCoE - Report of the Chair of the Board</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt</p> <p>To provide an update on the current situation at the Dorset Centre of Excellence and the</p>	<p>Decision Maker The Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE)</p>	<p>Decision Date 10 Mar 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills</p>	<p><i>Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i></p>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
Coombe House School, including progress made in relation to governance, leadership, staffing, estate, community use and finance.				
June 2025				

Review of Terms of Reference Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To note the shareholder committee terms of reference.	Decision Maker The Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE)	Decision Date TBC	Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	<i>Grace Evans, Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer</i> <i>grace.evans@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i>
Dorset Council Delegated Decisions (if required) Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To note any decisions taken under delegation.	Decision Maker The Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE)	Decision Date TBC	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i>
Dorset Council Commissioner's Report Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt To provide an overview of the current position in relation to	Decision Maker The Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE)	Decision Date TBC	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>Claire Webb, Strategic Commissioner</i> <i>claire.webb@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
delivery by the Dorset Centre of Excellence against the commissioning agreement.				
<p>DCoE - Report of the Chair of the Board</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt</p> <p>To provide an update on the current situation at the Dorset Centre of Excellence and the Poole House School, including progress made in relation to governance, leadership, staffing, estate, community use and finance.</p>	<p>Decision Maker The Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE)</p>	<p>Decision Date TBC</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills</p>	<p><i>Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i></p>

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The Cabinet Forward Plan - May to August 2025 (Publication date – 17 APRIL 2025)

Explanatory Note:

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Definition of Key Decisions

Key decisions are defined in Dorset Council's Constitution as decisions of the Cabinet which are likely to -

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- 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
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Cabinet Members and Portfolios 2024/25

Nick Ireland	Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding
Richard Biggs	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth
Jon Andrews	Place Services
Shane Bartlett	Planning and Emergency Planning
Simon Clifford	Finance & Capital Strategy
Ryan Hope	Customer, Culture and Community Engagement
Steve Robinson	Adult Social Care
Clare Sutton	Children's Services, Education & Skills
Gill Taylor	Health and Housing.
Ben Wilson	Corporate Development and Transformation

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
May					
<p>Procurement of the Highways Term Service Contract (HTSC)</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>The current Highway Term Service Contract expires in March 2027. This current contract provides for the delivery of highway engineering and construction services to supplement the services delivered by the council's in-house highways workforce. Highways are asking for approval by cabinet to start the procurement of a new Highway Term Service Contract</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 20 May 2025</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Place Services</p>	<p><i>Jack Wiltshire, Corporate Director for Highways and Engineering jack.wiltshire@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i></p>
<p>Wareham Level Crossing - Re-tendering of the contract for the provision of crossing attendants</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To seek cabinet approval for re-tendering a new 5 year contract that exceeds the £500K threshold. The new contract must be in place by September 1, 2025.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 20 May 2025</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Place Services</p>	<p><i>Tony Burden, Road Safety Manager tony.burden@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Jack Wiltshire, Corporate Director for Highways and Engineering jack.wiltshire@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i></p>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
<p>Update Statement of Community Involvement</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Agreement of revised Statement of Community Involvement for consultation following changes to consultation procedures.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 20 May 2025</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Planning and Emergency Planning</p>	<p><i>Mike Garrity, Corporate Director for Planning mike.garrity@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Hilary Jordan, Service Manager for Spatial Planning hilary.jordan@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i></p>
<p>June</p>					
<p>Draft 2024/25 Outturn report</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the 2024/25 Outturn report.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 24 Jun 2025</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance heather.lappin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider a updated business case, reflecting the actual cost of the chosen solution, a confirmed implementation scope, seeking authorisation to award contract.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 24 Jun 2025</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Corporate Development and Transformation</p>	<p><i>James Ailward, Head of ICT Operations james.ailward@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i></p>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
<p>Growth & Economic Regeneration Strategy</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 24 Jun 2025</p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 21 Nov 2024</p> <p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 22 May 2025</p>	<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth</p>	<p><i>Jon Bird, Service Manager for Growth and Economic Regeneration jon.bird@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Nick Webster, Head of Growth and Economic Regeneration nicholas.webster@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i></p>
<p>Public Spaces Protection Orders 2025</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To approve the time extension of certain Public Spaces Protection Orders. To approve two new Public Space Protection Orders.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 24 Jun 2025</p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 22 May 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Health and Housing</p>	<p><i>John Newcombe, Service Manager for Licensing & Community Safety john.newcombe@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i></p>
<p>Commissioned Grants</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>New Commissioned grants policy that creates a structure and framework for Commissioners to offer grants in accordance to the national government Grant Function standards as an alternative to traditional procurement.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 24 Jun 2025</p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 22 May 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Customer, Culture and Community Engagement, Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Laura Cornette, Business Partner - Communities and Partnerships laura.cornette@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Richard Freed, Service Manager for Commercial and Procurement richard.freed@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
<p>Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Options for the Dorset Council Local Plan.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 24 Jun 2025</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Planning and Emergency Planning</p>	<p><i>Terry Sneller, Strategic Planning Manager</i> <i>terry.sneller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Mike Garrity, Corporate Director for Planning</i> <i>mike.garrity@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i></p>
<p>Children's Services - Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services March 2025</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>An update on the outcome of the recent inspection of Local Authority Children's Services in March 2025, Official Ofsted Report, a letter of judgement, findings and recommendations, published on 9 May 2025. Supported by Dorset's Post Inspection Action Plan.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 24 Jun 2025</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills</p>	<p><i>Richard Belcher, Service Manager - Strategic Partnerships</i> <i>richard.belcher@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i></p>
<p>Youth Justice Plan 2025 - 26</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>Approval of the Youth Justice Plan 2025 – 26.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Dorset Council</p>	<p>Decision Date 10 Jul 2025</p>	<p>People and Health Overview Committee 19 May 2025</p> <p>Cabinet 24 Jun 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills</p>	<p><i>David Webb, Manager - Dorset Combined Youth Justice Service</i> <i>david.webb@bcpcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i></p>

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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September

<p>Street Lighting Policy</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Improvements in lighting technology mean more options are available for our LED replacement of streetlights. The new paper will seek agreement on the type of lighting to be used within our policy.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 9 Sep 2025</p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 13 Mar 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Place Services</p>	<p><i>Jack Wiltshire, Corporate Director for Highways and Engineering jack.wiltshire@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i></p>
<p>Period 4 financial management Report</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 9 Sep 2025</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance heather.lappin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
October 2025					
<p>Financial Provision for the Voluntary Community Sector TBC</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>The current 5-year financial agreement for the VCS will be coming to an end in October 2026. This paper will propose the new support for</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 9 Oct 2025</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Customer, Culture and Community Engagement</p>	<p><i>Laura Cornette, Business Partner - Communities and Partnerships</i> <i>Laura.cornette@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Jennifer Lewis, Head of Strategic Communications and Engagement</i> <i>jennifer.lewis@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
November					
<p>Quarter 2 financial management report</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider the Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring Report 2024/25.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 11 Nov 2025</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance</i> <i>heather.lappin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>

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<p>Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and budget strategy</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider the Medium Term Financial (MTFP) and budget strategy.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 11 Nov 2025</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance</i> <i>heather.lappin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>

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<p>Dorset Council Housing Allocation Policy</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Proposed revisions to the councils Housing Allocations Policy, which governs how social housing is allocated to applicants on the housing register. The revised policy update aims to ensure fairness, transparency and compliance with legal requirements while addressing local housing need. Key changes may include amendments to priority criteria, eligibility requirements, changes to relevant legislation and operational procedures.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Dorset Council</p>	<p>Decision Date 17 Feb 2026</p>	<p>People and Health Overview Committee 3 Nov 2025</p> <p>Cabinet 9 Dec 2025</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Health and Housing</p>	<p><i>Sarah How, Service Manager for Housing Solutions</i> <i>sarah.how@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i></p>
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<p>Quarter 3 financial management report</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>Quarter 3 financial management report.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 3 Feb 2026</p>		<p>Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance heather.lappin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Medium Term Financial Plan and Budget strategy report</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p>	<p>Decision Maker Dorset Council 17 Feb 2026</p>	<p>Decision Date</p>	<p>Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee 22 Jan 2026</p> <p>People and Health Scrutiny Committee 23 Jan 2026</p> <p>Cabinet 3 Feb 2026</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance heather.lappin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>

Private/Exempt Items for Decision

Each item in the plan above marked as 'private' will refer to one of the following paragraphs.

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the shadow council proposes:-
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.