

# Dorset Council

**Date:** Tuesday, 11 February 2025  
**Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Venue:** Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

All members of Dorset Council are requested to attend this meeting of the Full Council.

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

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Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting, apart from any items listed in the exempt part of this agenda.

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**1. APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**2. MINUTES**

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To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 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 decision 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.

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

#### 4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive a short presentation by members of the Youth Council.

To receive any announcements from the Chair of Council.

#### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - QUESTIONS

A period of 30 minutes is allocated to receive and respond to questions and statements on the business of the Council in the following order:

(a) Questions and statements from Town and Parish Councils;

(b) Questions and statements from those living or working in the Dorset Council area;

A person or organisation can submit either 1 question or 1 statement at each meeting.

You are welcome to attend the meeting in person or via MS Teams to read out your question and to receive the response. If you submit a statement for Full Council this will be circulated to all members of the council in advance of the meeting as a supplement to the agenda and appended to the minutes of the meeting for the formal record but it will not be read out at the meeting. The first 8 questions and the first 8 statements received by Democratic Services will be accepted on a first come first served basis in accordance with the deadline below:

**The full text of the question or statement must be received by 8.30am on Thursday 6 February 2025.** All submissions must be emailed to [susan.dallison@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:susan.dallison@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

When submitting your question or statement please note that:

Sub-divided questions will not be accepted;

Each question can consist of up to 450 words, including a pre-amble to set the context of the question;

When submitting a question please indicate who the question is for, i.e., the name of the Portfolio Holder;

You will need to include your full name, address and contact details;

All questions and statements will be published in full with the minutes of the meeting as a matter of public record.

#### 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

A period of 15 minutes is allocated to receive and respond to petitions in accordance with the council's petitions scheme.

A period of 15 minutes is allocated to receive and respond to deputations in accordance with the council's constitution.

The petitions scheme and procedures relating to deputations can be viewed at:

[Council Procedure Rules](#)

- 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS FROM THE LEADER OF COUNCIL AND CABINET MEMBERS**
- To receive any announcements and reports from the Leader of Council and members of the Cabinet.
- 8. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**
- To receive questions submitted by councillors. The deadline for receipt of questions is 8.30am on Thursday 6 February 2025.
- 9. BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN STRATEGY REPORT** 35 - 232
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- To consider a report by the Service Manager, Democratic and Electoral Services.
- 13. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2025-2026** 269 - 282
- To consider a report by K Critchel, Senior Democratic Services Officer.
- 14. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2025-26** 283 - 300
- To consider the 2025/26 Pay Policy Statement.
- 15. 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.
- 16. 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 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 is no exempt business scheduled for consideration at this meeting.**