

PLACE AND RESOURCES OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

Present: Cllrs Andrew Starr (Vice-Chair), Piers Brown, David Northam, Roland Tarr, David Taylor and Val Potheary

Present remotely: Cllrs Sherry Jespersen

Apologies: Cllrs Andy Canning, Richard Crabb and Simon Gibson

Also present: Cllr Jon Andrews and Cllr Belinda Bawden

Also present remotely: Cllr Ray Bryan and Cllr Gary Suttle

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

Jan Britton (Executive Director - Place), Lindsey Watson (Senior Democratic and Governance Officer), Jack Wiltshire (Corporate Director for Highways and Engineering), Antony Nash (Senior Democratic & Governance Services Officer), Christopher Peck (Principal Transport Planner), Wayne Sayers (Transport Planning Team Leader) and Owen Clark (Strategic and Policy Team Manager)

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

11. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting 22 May 2025 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

12. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

13. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

14. Questions from Councillors

There were no questions from councillors.

15. Dorset and BCP joint Local Transport Plan 4

The portfolio holder for Place services introduced this item and set out the connections between all 3 papers that were discussed.

The Strategic and Policy Team Manager set out the Dorset and BCP joint Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP). The plans vision, priorities, phases of delivery and connected plans and strategies were described.

Following the presentation there was a discussion that covered several areas such as;

- Cycle routes and the development of active travel ways with new housing developments.
- Emissions of public transport especially buses
- Funding and accessing grants and government funding
- The integration of rural bus provision to contracting providers
- The opportunities to collaborate with ward members.
- The role of Community led initiatives
- The potential of free bus travel for 16–18-year-olds and the impacts on education.
- The parity of funding across Dorset and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) areas
- The joint consultation with the Local Plan and its impacts on engagement levels
- Access to tourism points and areas of interest
- Age of population
- Road safety and its role as a fundamental principle of the LTP
- Rights of way and its role as supporting document and recognition of the difficulties and barriers of creating new ones.
- The plans priorities and consideration to other transport issues such as journey times.

Recommendation

The Place and Resources Overview committee suggested to officers that objectives D and E be moved to the top of the priority list within the local transport plan, and the vision statement be amended to include references to increased road safety and reduced journey times for all users of the local transport network.

16. **Active Travel Infrastructure Plan**

The Active Travel Infrastructure Plan was introduced by the Principal Transport Planner who shared the actions that had taken since the plan was last seen by the Place and Resources Committee. There was emphasis on how the routes and plan was developed drawing from an evidence-based approach.

The committee commended the officer on the effort and detail provided in the report and had a discussion that covered off the following areas;

- The options of funding sources and the requirements to access higher levels of central government funding.
- The importance of having a plan agreed and in place to ensure effective bidding for central government.

- The limitations of the data around road safety and unreported incidents.
- The fear of injury can be a deterrent to undertaking active travel.
- The potential of accessing CIL and section 106 funding
- Discussed specific route options including the barriers and impacts of changes made
- Electric scooter use and their use in Dorset.

The Place and Resource Overview Committee unanimously supported the adopting of the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan.

17. **Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy 2025-2028**

The report was introduced by the Transport Planner who set out the future direction of Electric vehicle infrastructure and how this strategy integrates with other transport policy.

The committee discussion covered off areas such as;

- Electric Vehicle (EV) charge point usage currently and future need
- The income generated from charging provision
- The provision of home charging especially where people don't have off street parking and the difference of cost between home and public charging
- Funding opportunities from the public sector and matched funding from the private sector.
- Off street charging solutions to fit the needs of different urban areas
- Grid capacity as a limiting factor to the provision of charging.

The committee were unanimous in there support for the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy 2025-2028

18. **Place and Resources Overview Committee Work Programme**

The committee reviewed the work programme

19. **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

20. **Exempt Business**

There was no exempt business.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 am - 12.54 pm

Chairman

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