



Place and Resources Overview Committee

Date: Thursday, 25 September 2025
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum: 3)

Andy Canning (Chair), Andrew Starr (Vice-Chair), Piers Brown, Richard Crabb, Simon Gibson, Sherry Jespersen, David Northam, Roland Tarr, David Taylor and Val Potheary

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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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10. 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.

11. 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 OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 MAY 2025

Present: Cllrs Andy Canning (Chair), Andrew Starr (Vice-Chair), Piers Brown, Simon Gibson, Sherry Jespersen, David Northam, Roland Tarr, Val Potheary and David Taylor

Apologies: Cllrs Richard Crabb

Also present: Cllr Jon Andrews, Cllr Shane Bartlett, Cllr Richard Biggs, Cllr Simon Clifford, Cllr Carole Jones, Cllr Steve Murcer, Cllr James Vitali and Cllr Ben Wilson

Also present remotely: Cllr Alex Brenton, Cllr Ray Bryan, Cllr Chris Kippax, Cllr Jane Somper, Cllr Gill Taylor and Cllr Andy Todd

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

Matthew Piles (Corporate Director - Strategic Director - Weymouth 2040), Graham Duggan (Head of Community & Public Protection), Kirstie Snow (Business Partner - External Affairs) and Nick Webster (Head of Growth and Regeneration)

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

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

1. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as correct record and signed by the Chair

2. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

3. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

4. **Questions from Councillors**

There were no questions from Councillors.

5. **Economic Growth Strategy**

The Head of Growth & Economic Regeneration presented the Dorset Economic Growth Strategy, highlighting challenges and opportunities emphasising alignment with government policy and focusing on strengths within the local economy.

The discussion focussed on the following key areas and points:

- The balance of support between large and small businesses.
- Highlighted the need for universities and colleges to boost local skills and seize opportunities.
- The role of agriculture and how prominent it was in the strategy.
- The importance of digital infrastructure in supporting economic growth.
- The significance of tourism and hospitality in the local economy.
- Identified transport infrastructure as a barrier to growth and reviewed the resources allocated to address it.
- How delivery and impact would be monitored.
- Raised issues around grid capacity and power supply and explored green energy opportunities.
- Explored the potential of setting up an investment office.
- The social value that could come from generating green energy.
- The need for affordable housing to support the workforce.
- Noted concerns about vacant properties and unused business spaces.
- Highlighted the importance of STEM subjects in driving future growth.
- Observed that investment and focus were concentrated in the southern parts of the county.
- Considered the role of public transport in supporting economic development.
- Reviewed the support available for businesses and new entrepreneurs to help drive growth.

6. Consultation Report for Anti-social Behaviour Related Public Spaces Protection Orders

Ahead of the item the meeting extension was proposed by Cllr Jespersen, seconded by Cllr Taylor and unanimously agreed.

The Head of Community and Public Protection presented the report on extending and adopting the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) detailed in the report following a period of consultation.

Following the presentation the committee debated the item with the following considerations;

- The engagement and consultation process was discussed with an emphasis on the importance of awareness
- The resources needed for enforcement and the cost of enforcement
- The funding model around enforcement
- The role of the enforcement officer
- The impact of these orders on the local environment

Following the debate the committee were unanimously in support of the adoption of the PSPO's

7. Commissioned Grants for Direct Community Benefit Policy

The Business Partner for Communities & Partnerships introduced the item alongside the Cabinet Member for Finance and capital strategy.

The discussion covered of the following areas.

- Clarification was sought on the definition of 'direct community benefit'.
- The feasibility of parish councils acting as bank accounts for small organisations was discussed.
- The resources available for monitoring were considered.
- The accuracy of statements regarding the devolution of Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 funds to town and parish councils was questioned.
- The exclusion of religious groups and funding for organisations operating outside the Dorset Council area was raised

The Committee unanimously approved the papers recommendations.

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

The Committee reviewed the work programme.

9. **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

10. **Exempt Business**

There was no exempt business.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 am - 1.38 pm

Chairman

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Place and Resources Overview Committee 15 July 2025

Dorset and BCP joint Local Transport Plan 4

For Decision

Cabinet Member and Portfolio:

Cllr J Andrews, Place Services

Local Councillor(s):

All

Executive Director:

J Britton, Executive Director for Place Services

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Brief Summary:

The Draft Joint Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) will set out a 15-year strategy (2026–2041) to create a safer, healthy, and more inclusive transport system. It focuses on reducing emissions, improving public and active travel, enhancing rural-urban connectivity, and supporting economic growth through a vision-led, place-based approach. Informed by over 3,800 public responses, LTP4 outlines six key objectives and will be delivered through five-year implementation plans and supporting strategies. A public consultation will run from August 2025, aiming to ensure broad engagement and shape the final plan.

Recommendation:

That the Committee reviews and provides feedback on the new vision and objectives of the Draft Joint Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) 2026–2041.

That the Committee acknowledge the proposed approach to consultation on the draft LTP4 Strategy and Implementation Plan.

Reason for Recommendation:

To provide the committee with an overview of the council's approach to developing the joint LTP4 and to further engage the committee at the current stage of development.

1. Report

- 1.1 This report introduces the vision and objectives for our new Joint Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) which will cover 2026 to 2041, developed collaboratively by Dorset Council and BCP Council.
- 1.2 It builds on the strategic direction endorsed by the Place and Resources Overview Committee in July 2023, which recognised the need for a new transport plan to address evolving challenges such as climate change, digital transformation, and post-pandemic travel behaviours. Cabinet approved delegated authority to the Corporate Director Economic Growth and Infrastructure after consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment in September 2023.
- 1.3 LTP4 reflects a shift from the traditional 'predict and provide' model to a vision-led, place-based approach, aligning transport planning with spatial development, decarbonisation goals, and inclusive mobility. It sets out a long-term strategy to deliver a safe, sustainable, and accessible transport network that supports economic growth, public health, and environmental resilience.
- 1.4 The development of LTP4 is supported by a detailed evidence base, providing an understanding of the people, places and activities of our area.
- 1.5 This new plan has also been informed by our residents, as well as local businesses and organisations. Over 3,800 people engaged with us to identify key issues and opportunities that the new plan must address. A summary report has been published on the council website. Key messages from the engagement feedback included:
 - (i) There is strong public demand for more frequent, affordable, and accessible public transport, especially in rural areas. Cheaper bus fares have had a positive benefit, and there is support for integrated ticketing and mobility hubs.

- (ii) People want safer, more connected walking, cycling, and wheeling routes. Current infrastructure is seen as inadequate, especially in urban areas, limiting the shift to sustainable travel.
 - (iii) Older adults, disabled people, and non-drivers face significant barriers to travel. There is a call for inclusive design, better access to information, and better transport choices to reduce isolation and improve wellbeing.
 - (iv) Poor connections between towns, villages, and key services are a major concern. Congestion, especially during peak times and tourist seasons, impacts journey reliability and air quality.
 - (v) Residents want transport solutions that reduce emissions and improve safety. There is support for speed reduction in villages, safer roads, and infrastructure that is resilient to environmental threats like flooding.
- 1.6 These insights ensure the LTP4 supports real community needs and that it's targeted, inclusive, and forward-looking.

2. **Our Transport Plan Vision**

- 2.1 The Committee is invited to review the draft vision and objectives and provide feedback. This will be considered alongside the public consultation to inform the next stages of plan finalisation.
- 2.2 Our transport plan contains a vision which shows what we want travel to be like by 2041:

Our travel will be transformed through innovation and digital connectivity, creating accessible and inclusive travel choices for our residents, workers and visitors. Our transport network will support sustainable economic growth in our urban and rural communities, contribute to our decarbonisation targets and protect our unique local environment.

- 2.3 In other words, we want travel to be smarter and easier for everyone. We will use new technology to help people get around in ways that are simple, fair, and work for everyone. Our transport plan will help support the delivery of sustainable and well-connected development to meet the housing and employment needs of the area, while protecting the special places in our environment.

- 2.4 Over the next 15 years, the focus will be on increasing transport choices, and improving safety, health, accessibility, connectivity, travel experience, and reducing pollution from transport.
- 2.5 To achieve our vision, our transport plan includes six objectives. Our LTP4 objectives are to: (presented in no particular order):
- a) **Safeguard the climate and environment** - We want to protect nature and help stop climate change by reducing transport-related carbon emissions in line with local and national targets, improving air quality, and reducing noise and light pollution. One of the ways we'll do this is by accelerating the uptake of zero-emission vehicles through the delivery of supporting infrastructure.
 - b) **Improve health and wellbeing** – We aim to make walking, wheeling, and cycling safer and more accessible by delivering a connected, attractive active travel network. This will encourage sustainable travel, particularly for short urban trips, and improve access to services, reducing inequality.
 - c) **Create accessible and prosperous places** - We will enhance access to jobs, education, and key destinations, improving connectivity between rural and urban areas. Sustainable, well-connected development will support housing and employment needs.
 - d) **Enable a safer transportation system** – We will improve safety across the transport network, aiming to reduce casualties and support the Dorset Road Safety Partnership goal of zero road deaths or serious injuries by 2050. Safer routes to school will encourage sustainable travel for children.
 - e) **Provide a resilient and fit for purpose transport network** - Our network will be well-maintained, resilient, and efficiently managed to reduce congestion and improve journey reliability. We will adopt new technologies and materials to cut emissions and enhance performance.
 - f) **Public transport that is inclusive and accessible** - We will improve public transport to offer safe, reliable, and inclusive services. Working with partners, we will enhance frequency, reliability, and connectivity, supported by digital tools to improve the user experience.

- 2.6 The LTP4 Strategy will guide transport planning and investment by aligning with key priorities and providing a clear framework to secure funding, support development, and deliver a reliable, low-carbon transport network for everyone.
- 2.7 The Strategy will be delivered through a series of five-year plans known as Implementation Plans. These will set out how we will put the strategy into action.
- 2.8 The first Implementation Plan will cover the period 2026 to 2031, showing who's doing what and where, and the timing of what will happen when. This will be a 'live' document, formally reviewed and updated every five years.
- 2.9 The LTP will be delivered through supporting strategies and plans, including:
- (i) The Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) sets out our delivery plans to provide better local bus services. The BSIP is required by Government to secure Bus Grant Funding. [Click here to read the Dorset BSIP.](#)
 - (ii) The Active Travel Infrastructure Plan (ATIP) maps out priority routes and improvements to create a network of high-quality active travel infrastructure. This plan is required to secure Active Travel England Funding.
 - (iii) The Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy sets out a planned approach to provide the right charging infrastructure, in the right places to keep pace with increasing demand. Without this strategy we will not be eligible to bid for future funding to enable the installation of the necessary EV charging infrastructure.
 - (iv) The Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP) sets out how our network assets will be managed. An updated plan will be published to support the new joint LTP.
 - (v) Rights of Way Improvement Plans (RoWIP) prioritise key improvements to develop and improve the network and improve outdoor access. A new RoWIP for 2025 to 2035 is currently in production and will be published next year.
 - (vi) The Dorset Road Safety Partnership strategy which will continue to support the new joint LTP.

- 2.10 Additional plans and strategies will be developed over the lifetime of the LTP to support its delivery.

3. Approach to Consultation

- 3.1 Within the Dorset Council area, the draft LTP4 will be consulted upon alongside the Dorset Local Plan sites consultation. Both plans will shape the future of Dorset and are vital in addressing future growth and infrastructure needs. The consultation will begin on the 18th August 2025.
- 3.2 The consultation will ensure that the views of Dorset residents, businesses and visitors are heard.
- 3.3 A communications campaign will drive awareness and increase participation. Through targeting we are aiming to reach those residents who have been previously underrepresented due to lack of participation, typically those aged between 20 to 45.
- 3.4 The campaign will include:
- (i) Paid for targeted social media ads across the platforms used by our audience – Meta (Instagram), TikTok, Snapchat, LinkedIn
 - (ii) Short-form videos (From main campaign video and vox pops)
 - (iii) YouTube pre-roll ads
 - (iv) Campaign video featuring resident soundbites
 - (v) Posters, pop-ups, and branded materials in key areas to meet our audience where they are
 - (vi) In person drop in events at town and village halls
 - (vii) Use of media releases, newsletters and owned social channels
 - (viii) Webinars focusing on specific local interest groups and businesses
 - (ix) Cllr briefing pack and tool kit
 - (x) Engagement with Town and Parish Councils
 - (xi) Engagement with internal staff via the Intranet

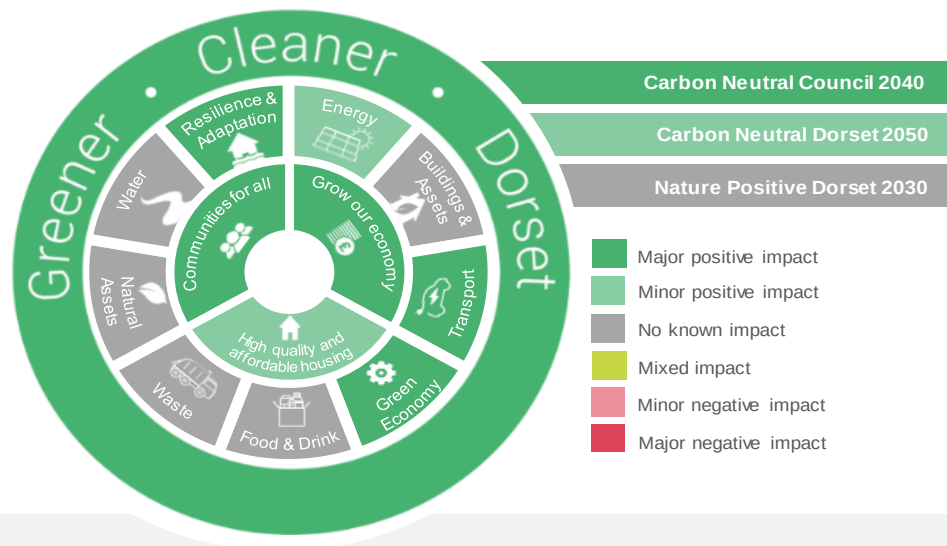
4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The cost of preparing the new LTP has been met within existing budgets and from a capacity grant provided by government specifically for this purpose. Preparation has involved a balance of officer time supported by external consultants where necessary.
- 4.2 Delivering the Plan will depend on access to funding, including:
- (i) Core Government Funding, provided by Local Transport Grant, has recently been confirmed. This will provide the council with £15.5m of capital funding from 2026/27 to 2029/31. Other sources of government funding, including Bus Grant and Active Travel Fund, are still to be confirmed.
 - (ii) Having a new LTP, which aligns with government policy, will enable Dorset Council to maximise income from external bidding opportunities and partner contributions, including Network Rail (Great British Railways), National Highways, Sustrans, and local bus and rail operators.
 - (iii) Through the Western Gateway Sub National Transport Body to deliver schemes that form part of the regional Strategic Transport Plan and Investment Plan.
 - (iv) Developer contributions from new developments and other non-transport sources of funding.
- 4.3 We will continue to identify and pursue new funding opportunities as they arise to maximise delivery of our plan.

5. Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Implications

- 5.1 The climate emergency decision wheel is presented below. The accessible table of impacts and table of recommendations are presented in Appendix A.

Local Transport Plan 4



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

- 5.2 LTP4 commits to reducing transport emissions in line with national and local net zero targets, including the Natural Environment, Climate and Ecology Strategy. We will target increasing active travel and public transport use, alongside the rapid uptake of zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs).
- 5.3 The strategy acknowledges the increasing risks from extreme weather and climate change. It promotes resilient infrastructure design and maintenance practices to ensure the transport network can withstand future environmental challenges.
- 5.4 By bringing together transport with spatial planning, LTP4 supports compact, sustainable development that reduces the need to travel and protects natural landscapes from unnecessary development.
- 5.5 LTP4 adopts a “nature positive” approach, integrating biodiversity enhancement into transport design and maintenance. This includes green infrastructure, sustainable drainage systems, and alignment with local Nature Recovery Strategies.

6. Well-being and Health Implications

- 6.1 The LTP4 strategy places a strong emphasis on improving public health and wellbeing through a more inclusive, active, and sustainable transport system. It recognises that transport is a key determinant of health, influencing physical activity levels, air quality, access to services, and social inclusion.
- 6.2 LTP4 prioritises walking, wheeling, and cycling for short journeys, aiming to meet the Active Travel England target of 50% of urban trips by active modes by 2030. This supports physical activity, reduces sedentary lifestyles, and lowers the risk of chronic diseases.
- 6.3 Overall, LTP4 is expected to deliver significant long-term health benefits by embedding health considerations into transport planning, cutting harmful transport emissions, and enabling healthier lifestyles.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1 NA.

8. Risk Assessment

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

Current Risk: Medium – Without an up-to-date LTP in place, we risk a reduction in Government funding.

Residual Risk: Low

- 8.2 We will manage the key risks that could prevent us meeting our transport vision and objectives. These include:
 - (i) Cuts to or a lack of available funding
 - (ii) Cost escalation due to inflation or unforeseen circumstances
 - (iii) Changes to the policy framework and political priorities
 - (iv) Lack of political and community support
 - (v) Achieving long-term changes in behaviour
 - (vi) The rapid pace of technological change

(vii) Changes to legislation or regulations

(viii) Delays in implementation

9. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

9.1 Over 3,800 people engaged in the 2024 consultation. Feedback from protected groups informed the strategy, particularly around safety, accessibility, and rural isolation.

9.2 LTP4 is expected to have a positive impact on equality by improving access, safety, and travel choice for all, particularly for those with protected characteristics. Continued engagement and inclusive design will be essential to ensure such positive outcomes.

9.3 This will be achieved by:

- (i) Designing inclusive and safe transport environments and age-friendly infrastructure.
- (ii) Applying inclusive design standards.
- (iii) Ensuring inclusive engagement and consultation practices.
- (iv) Ensuring step-free access and improving lighting, surveillance, and staffing at travel interchanges.

10. **Appendices**

Appendix A - Climate Wheel Accessible Table of Impacts and Table of Recommendations

11. **Background Papers**

11.1 Previous Committee Decisions:

- (i) [Cabinet. 5th September 2023.](#)
- (ii) [Place and Overview Committee. 27th July 2023.](#)

11.2 LTP4 Engagement Reports:

- (i) [Engagement Summary Report](#)
- (ii) [Engagement Survey Analysis Report](#)
- (iii) [Engagement Roadshow Analysis Report](#)

(iv) [Engagement Additional Response Analysis Report](#)

12. Report Sign Off

- 12.1 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)

Appendix A - Climate Wheel Accessible Table of Impacts and Table of Recommendations

ACCESSIBLE TABLE SHOWING IMPACTS

Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Strategy Commitments	Impact
Energy	minor positive impact
Buildings & Assets	No known impact
Transport	major positive impact
Green Economy	major positive impact
Food & Drink	No known impact
Waste	No known impact
Natural Assets & Ecology	No known impact
Water	No known impact
Resilience and Adaptation	major positive impact

Corporate Plan Aims	Impact
Grow our economy	strongly supports it
High-quality and affordable housing	minor positive impact
Communities for all	strongly supports it

TABLE OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations	Responses -will this be incorporated into your proposal? How? And if not, why not?
Energy	
Provide advice and/or signpost business to sources of information on how they can reduce their bills and environmental impact by fitting renewable energy	Recommendation accepted – The LTP is an overarching strategy, individual teams responsible for programme delivery will be encouraged to provide advice to businesses, including support on electric vehicle charging infrastructure and promotion of travel planning to promote public transport and active travel.
Buildings & Assets	
No recommendations found for this category	
Transport	

No recommendations found for this category	
Green Economy	
No recommendations found for this category	
Food & Drink	
No recommendations found for this category	
Waste	
No recommendations found for this category	
Natural Assets & Ecology	
No recommendations found for this category	
Water	
No recommendations found for this category	
Resilience & Adaptation	
No recommendations found for this category	

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Place and Resources Overview Committee 15 July 2025

Active Travel Infrastructure Plan

For Recommendation to Cabinet

Cabinet Member and Portfolio:

Cllr J Andrews, Place Services

Local Councillor(s):

All

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Report Status: Public [Choose an item.](#)

Brief Summary:

The Active Travel Infrastructure Plan (ATIP) sets out the network plans for walking, cycling and wheeling. This consists of a network plan and a prioritised list of improvements. The ATIP forms part of the detailed delivery strategy in support of the emerging Local Transport Plan 4.

Infrastructure improvements for walking, cycling and wheeling assists with delivering the Council Plan objectives, including supporting communities for all, assisting with the delivery of the Climate and Ecological Emergency strategy and will also support the emerging Dorset Council travel plan.

Recommendation:

The Place and Resources Overview Committee recommend to Cabinet that the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan be approved.

Reason for Recommendation:

To enable the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan, to be implemented, helping to improve the network for walking, wheeling and cycling.

1. Previous Committee report

- 1.1. Dorset Council undertook an online public engagement exercise on the development of the ATIP in December 2023 – January 2024. 979 responses to the public engagement exercise were received, including over 1,081 barriers to active travel on the draft plans and 480 additional routes submitted across the whole of Dorset.
- 1.2. The results from the public engagement exercise was presented to the Committee at the meeting held on 21/11/2024.
- 1.3. The recommendation of the Committee was to bring a finalised version back to a future Committee meeting following further discussions with stakeholders.
- 1.4. The following report includes material that was previously presented to the November 2024 Committee meeting.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Active Travel Infrastructure Plan (ATIP) is a strategic document setting out priorities for active travel infrastructure provision in the short, medium and long term.
- 2.2. Developing an ATIP will help Dorset Council:
 - meet its strategic objectives to increase sustainable travel, reduce private motor travel and increase physical activity,
 - help to contribute to a wide range of national and local policies and strategies, including the Climate and Ecological Emergency strategy, Dorset Council travel plan and the emerging Local Transport Plan 4;
 - set out a planned pipeline of active travel schemes ready for funding bids and aligned with future developments; and
 - ensure access to funding from central Government for active travel – dependent upon having a plan in place – is secured in future.

- 2.3. The ATIP development process is set out in technical guidance from the Department for Transport. Most local authorities have already adopted plans, including BCP Council.
- 2.4. The plans set out the future priorities for active travel infrastructure at a strategic scale, with the aim being to focus on resolving the biggest barriers on the primary network for people walking, wheeling or cycling. They are not comprehensive plans for active travel on every road, street or path in the Dorset Council area

3. Network planning for active travel

- 3.1. The plan development involves analysing existing travel patterns, establishing the main trip destinations such as centres of employment, schools and town centres, augmented with background data such as the density of population, density of jobs and other demographic information.
- 3.2. This information is further supported by modelling of the potential for active travel for work and school trips, based on trip length and gradients encountered along the route, helping to inform and quantify which parts of the network are likely to generate the greatest benefit in terms of carbon saved, increased physical activity and car journeys shifted to active travel.
- 3.3. Barriers to active travel – whether physical, or due to hazardous road conditions or other factors are a fundamental part of the analysis and are in part informed by input from stakeholders and residents – see Background Papers setting out the responses from the public engagement.
- 3.4. Key corridors linking neighbourhoods to destinations are then analysed and draft network plans for active travel produced.

4. Prioritised routes and schemes

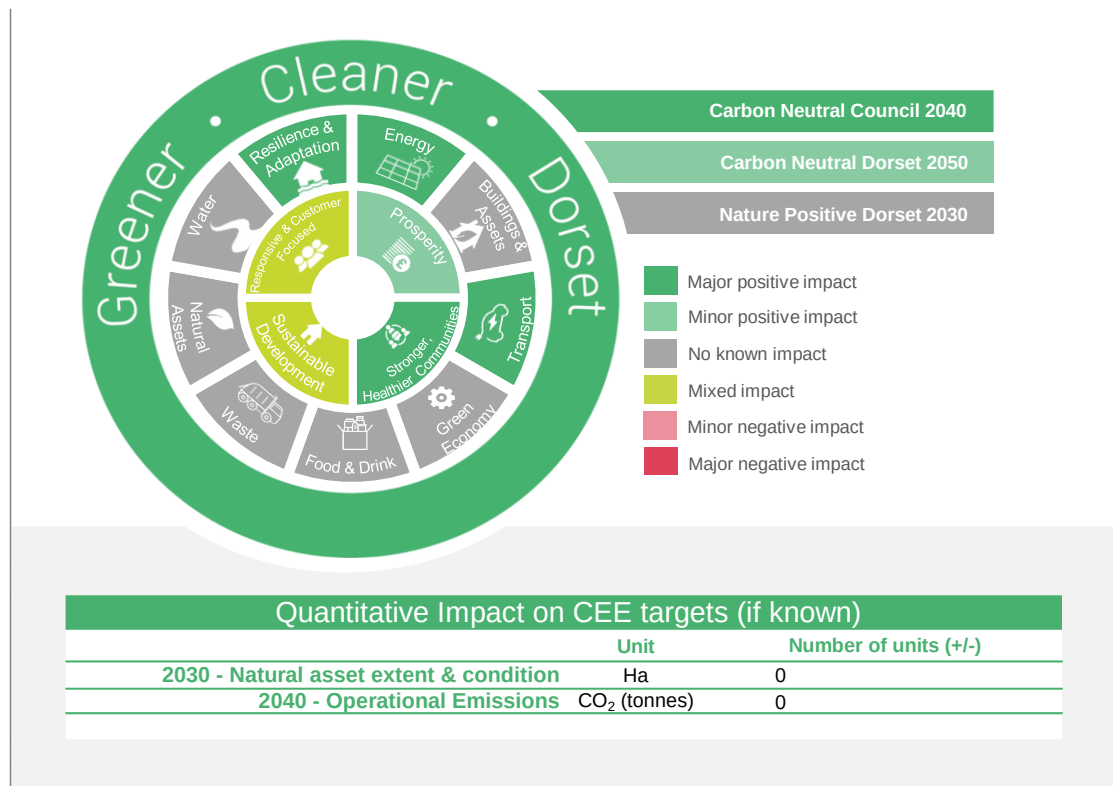
- 4.1. Prioritisation of the routes and any resulting schemes are based on the following criteria:
 - whether there is new housing proposed in the Local Plan near the route
 - the average deprivation of the area surrounding the route (using the Index of Multiple Deprivation)
 - the potential number of people cycling to work

- the potential number of people cycling to school
 - the population living within 400 metres per km of route
 - the number of jobs within 400 metres per km of route
 - walking and cycling casualties per km of route
 - number of major destinations (town centres, schools, employment areas, significant leisure sites) within 100 metres of the route
- 4.2. 647 sections (718kms) of street, path or prospective route have been identified as part of the plan. Of these 23% are considered low priority, 18% limited, 27% moderate, and 21%/11% high/highest priority.
- 4.3. The plan identified schemes covering 124 sections of street or path, ranging from reduced speed limits to improved crossings, new paths or other infrastructure changes.
- 4.4. The draft ATIP can be found in Appendix 1.
- 5. Financial Implications**
- 5.1. Development of the plan has been supported through grant funding specifically for the purpose from Active Travel England, the Government's arms-length authority with responsibility for active travel policy and funding decisions. There is no cost to Dorset Council in producing the plan.
- 5.2. Having an Active Travel Infrastructure Plan in place is necessary to maintain future funding from Active Travel England, which has provided around £3.5m funding to support active travel scheme development in Dorset since its inception.
- 5.3. Improvements to active travel infrastructure can bring savings to the Council by reducing the requirements to provide school transport for pupils within walking distance of a school which are incurred when existing routes are deemed unsafe.
- 5.4. Ensuring an adequate safe active travel infrastructure exists in towns enables older or less able residents to retain independence and meet their local needs without access to a vehicle, helping – marginally – to reduce long term social care needs.
- 5.5. Active travel provision enables a realistic alternative to the many short journeys currently undertaken by private motor transport. This can help

improve the efficient use of highway assets, reduce harmful emissions from travel, improve air quality and reduce the need for capacity improvements, maintenance costs and make more efficient use of parking capacity.

- 5.6. Although the Plan identifies a programme of improvements to the network for walking, wheeling and cycling, in all but a few cases these schemes have no identified funding source and will be subject to further discussions with local communities before options and detailed development will take place. In nearly all cases the schemes will require external funding to be completed.

6. Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Implications



ACCESSIBLE TABLE SHOWING IMPACTS

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

Corporate Plan Aims	Impact
Prosperity	minor positive impact
Stronger healthier communities	strongly supports it
Sustainable Development & Housing	neutral
Responsive & Customer Focused	neutral

7. Well-being and Health Implications

- 7.1. Improving the network for active travel will enable more residents to choose to walk, wheel or cycle in their neighbourhoods, benefiting from regular physical activity as well as helping to build and maintain social relationships locally.
- 7.2. Reduced motor traffic as a result of any shift to active modes for short journeys in towns also offers the potential to improve safety as well as reducing air and noise pollution.
- 7.3. Higher levels of active travel in communities can also lead to improved community safety through increased natural surveillance.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. No other implications have been identified.

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

- 10.1. An Equalities Impact Assessment has been developed for the plan, in part informed by the public engagement exercise. Improvements to active travel will be of particular benefit to disabled people and disadvantaged communities.
- 10.2. Over 23,000 households in Dorset do not have access to a vehicle and are therefore likely to be more reliant on active travel both as a means of transport in itself, but also to access public transport. Access to better conditions for active travel is particularly beneficial to disabled people, older people, younger people and other groups who are less likely to have access to a vehicle.

11. Appendices

12. Background Papers

- 12.1. [Minutes of the 21/11/2024 Place and Resources Overview Committee Meeting](#)
- 12.2. [Active Travel Infrastructure Plan Survey Report](#) (previously presented at the Committee Meeting on 21/11/2024)
- 12.3. [Active Travel Infrastructure Plan public engagement survey analysis](#) (previously presented at the Committee Meeting on 21/11/2024)

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)~~

Place and Resources Overview Committee

15 July 2025

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy 2025-2028

For Decision

Cabinet Member and Portfolio:

Cllr J Andrews, Place Services

Local Councillor(s):

All

Executive Director:

J Britton, Executive Director for Place Services

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Report Status: Public [Choose an item.](#)

Brief Summary:

This is an updated Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Strategy for 2025–2027 to support the transition to net-zero emissions by 2045. The strategy builds on the 2021–2023 plan and outlines a comprehensive approach to expanding and improving EV charging infrastructure across the county.

Recommendation:

That the Committee reviews and provides feedback on the refreshed Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy to be published as a supporting strategy to the Joint Local Transport Plan 4.

Reason for Recommendation:

The strategy sets a clear roadmap for Dorset Council with the transition to electric mobility, ensuring infrastructure keeps pace with demand while supporting environmental and economic goals. The feedback of the Committee

will be considered ahead of the strategy being formally signed off by Cllr Jon Andrews, Cabinet Member for Place, and published on the council website.

1. Report

- 1.1 The Council's vision is to ensure that residents, businesses, and visitors have access to reliable, accessible, and convenient EV charging.
- 1.2 The strategy aligns with national and local climate goals and supports the Dorset Council Plan 2024–2029. Key objectives include:
 - Expanding public charging infrastructure.
 - Supporting fleet and workplace electrification.
 - Enhancing accessibility and user experience.
 - Leveraging public and private investment.
- 1.3 The strategy covers eight key areas:
 - (i) Destination and hub charging.
 - (ii) Residential on-street charging.
 - (iii) En-route charging/charging hubs.
 - (iv) Council estate charging.
 - (v) Workplace charging.
 - (vi) Development policy integration.
 - (vii) Fleet, bus, and taxi charging.
 - (viii) Cross-pavement home charging.
- 1.4 Areas not currently in scope include freight transport, hydrogen fuel, and e-bike infrastructure.
- 1.5 Progress to date, between 2021 and 2025, Dorset Council has:
 - Installed 76 council-sponsored public fast, rapid and ultra rapid charging points.
 - Secured over £3 million in public and private funding.
 - Engaged with communities and stakeholders.

- Supported fleet and workplace charging initiatives.

1.6 Challenges include:

- Meeting growing demand - Dorset is expecting a significant increase in electric vehicle (EV) ownership, with projections suggesting up to 104,000 EVs in the county by 2030. To support this, the Council estimates that between 1,970 and 2,460 public chargepoints will be needed. This represents a major scaling-up of infrastructure, requiring careful planning, investment, and coordination with private sector partners.
- Seasonal tourism surges - Dorset's popularity as a tourist destination means that demand for EV charging spikes during the summer months. For example, some chargepoints saw a 35% increase in usage in August 2024. The Council must ensure that infrastructure can cope with these seasonal peaks without compromising the service for residents.
- Rising infrastructure costs - The cost of installing and maintaining EV chargepoints is increasing, particularly in rural areas where private investment is less viable. Dorset Council must secure additional government grants, reinvest revenue from existing chargepoints, and attract private sector funding to meet these financial challenges.

1.7 Opportunities include:

- Revenue generation - As the EV network expands, Dorset Council anticipates increased income from chargepoint usage. This revenue can be reinvested into further infrastructure development or used to support related services and programmes.
- Improved air quality - A shift to electric vehicles will reduce harmful emissions from petrol and diesel engines, leading to cleaner air. This will benefit public health, particularly for vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly, and those with respiratory conditions.
- Technological advancements in EVs and charging systems - Rapid progress in EV and battery technology is making vehicles more efficient, with longer ranges and faster charging times. Innovations such as ultra-rapid charging, smart tariffs, and plug-and-charge systems will enhance user experience and encourage wider adoption of EVs.

1.8 The Council will adopt an agile, evidence-based strategic approach, focusing on:

- Data-driven site selection - The Council will use data from resident requests, visitor behaviour, and third-party sources to identify the most suitable locations for new chargepoints. This ensures that infrastructure is placed where it is most needed and will be most effective.
- Collaboration with Chargepoint Operators (CPOs), landowners, and stakeholders - Dorset Council will work closely with CPOs, local landowners, and organisations such as the NHS and emergency services to deliver a well-distributed and reliable charging network. This collaborative approach will help overcome logistical and financial barriers.
- Promoting inclusive and accessible infrastructure (PAS 1899 compliance) - The Council is committed to ensuring that all new chargepoints meet the British Standards Institute's PAS 1899 guidelines for accessibility. This includes considerations for disabled users, such as wider bays, dropped kerbs, and clear signage.
- Supporting renewable energy integration - Wherever possible, Dorset Council will integrate renewable energy sources into its EV infrastructure. This supports the county's broader climate goals and ensures that the transition to electric vehicles contributes to a genuinely low-carbon future.

1.9 Progress will be tracked using Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) covering EV uptake, chargepoint availability, usage, reliability, customer satisfaction, and funding. Oversight is provided by the Public EV Charging Infrastructure Programme Board.

2 Financial Implications

2.1 The strategy anticipates the need for 1,970–2,460 public chargepoints by 2030. Dorset Council may need to sponsor up to 67% of these, equating to up to 1,670 chargepoints. We plan to do this by:

- Continue applying for central government grants
- Reinvest profits from existing chargepoints
- Partner with private Chargepoint Operators (CPOs)

- Support schools and public services in accessing workplace charging grants

2.2 As the network grows, revenue from chargepoint usage is expected to increase. This income could be reinvested into:

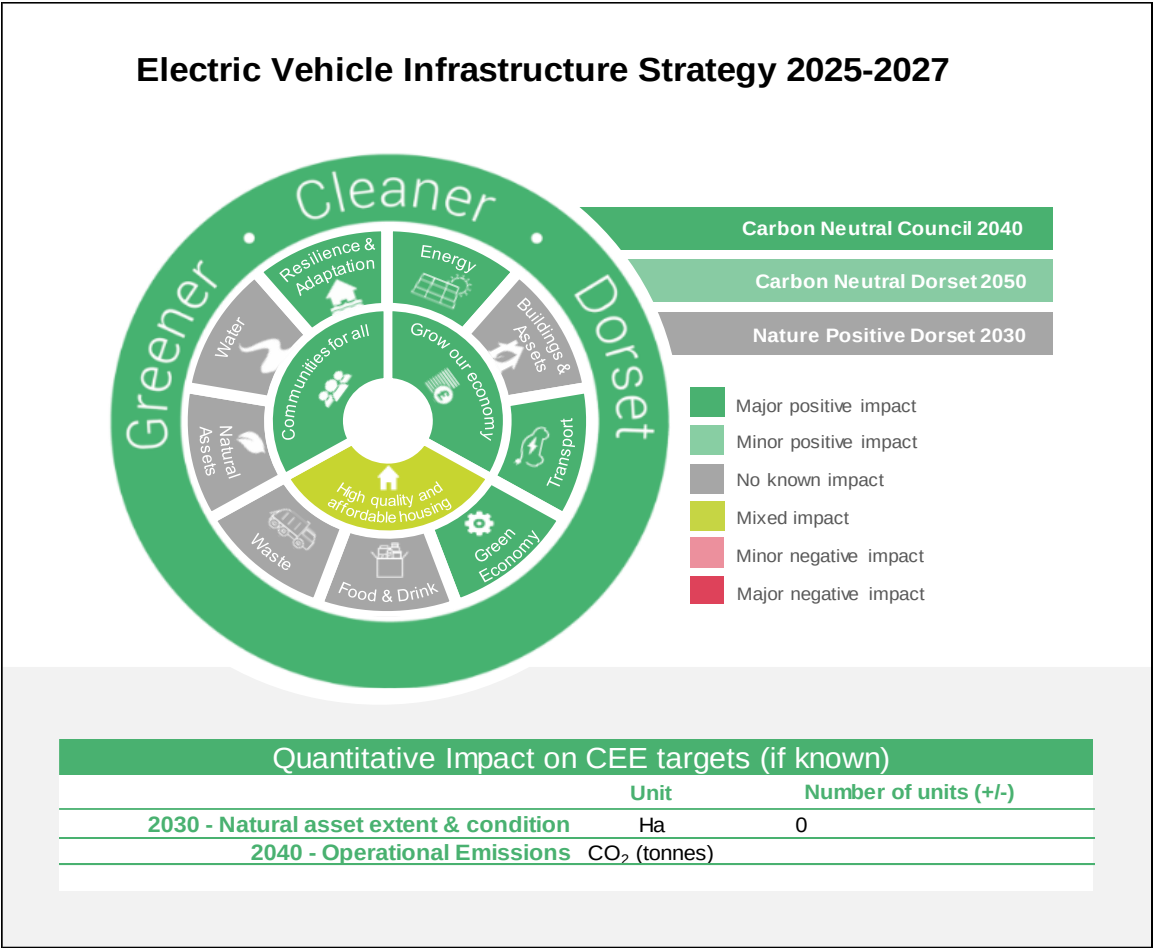
- Expanding the network
- Supporting operational and maintenance costs
- Funding project and contract management

2.3 Identified cost challenges include:

- Rising installation and maintenance costs are noted as a barrier.
- Grid capacity upgrades and site-specific constraints (especially in rural areas) may increase costs.
- Tourism-driven seasonal demand requires infrastructure that can handle peak loads, potentially increasing upfront investment.

3 Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Implications

3.1 Climate wheel showing impacts:



- 3.2 Dorset Council Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy 2025–2027 closely aligns with the Council’s broader environmental goals and the Natural Environment, Climate and Ecology Strategy 2023–2025, which sets targets for carbon neutrality by 2035 for the Council and 2045 for the county. It also complements efforts to reduce car travel and encourage modal shift to public and active transport.
- 3.3 This strategy supports this ambition by promoting a shift from petrol and diesel vehicles to zero emission electric vehicles (EVs), significantly reducing tailpipe emissions. This will also help to reduce pollutants such as nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter thereby improving air quality which will benefit public health, particularly in urban areas and near busy roads.
- 3.4 The strategy encourages the use of renewable energy sources to power chargepoints, reducing reliance on fossil fuels. It includes collaboration with Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) and the National Grid to ensure sustainable energy supply.
- 3.5 The Council will use data-driven site selection to minimise environmental disruption and support nature recovery. Chargepoints will be installed with care to avoid pavement obstructions, protect biodiversity, and maintain landscape character, especially in rural and heritage-sensitive areas.
- 3.6 With 74% of visitors travelling by car, the strategy ensures that tourist destinations are equipped with EV infrastructure, reducing the environmental impact of tourism.
- 3.7 The strategy supports smart charging, time-of-use tariffs, and future-proof technologies, which contribute to more efficient energy use and reduced environmental strain.

4 Well-being and Health Implications

4.1 The Well-being and Health Implications of the Dorset Council Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy 2025–2027 are largely positive as outlined below.

- Improved Air Quality - Reduced air pollution contributes to lower incidence of asthma and other respiratory conditions, decreased risk of heart disease and stroke, and improved mental well-being due to cleaner, quieter environments.
- Safer and More Inclusive Streets - Careful consideration of location of chargepoints will avoid pavement obstructions, supporting safe walking and cycling. Adoption of accessibility standards will ensure EV infrastructure is usable by disabled and older people, enhancing mobility and independence.
- Equity and Access - By targeting areas with limited off-street parking, the strategy ensures that EV adoption is not limited to those with private driveways. This supports social inclusion and ensures that the health and economic benefits of EVs are more widely shared.
- Reduced Noise Pollution - EVs are significantly quieter than internal combustion engine vehicles, contributing to lower noise levels in residential and rural areas, which can reduce stress and improve sleep quality.

4.2 The strategy complements broader efforts to promote active travel and public transport, contributing to a more balanced and health-conscious transport system.

5 Other Implications

5.1 In addition to environmental, health, and financial implications, the Dorset Council Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy 2025–2027 has several other important implications:

- Economic Implications - The strategy supports Dorset Council's Local Economic Growth priorities by improving infrastructure that attracts investment and supports tourism. The expansion of EV infrastructure may create jobs in construction, maintenance, and technology sectors. Workplace charging and fleet electrification help businesses reduce costs and emissions, while also supporting employee EV adoption.

- **Technological Implications** - The strategy supports smart charging, time-of-use tariffs, and ultra-rapid charging, encouraging innovation and future-proofing infrastructure. Site selection and performance monitoring are based on GIS analysis, usage data, and resident input, enabling responsive and efficient deployment.
- **Policy and Governance Implications** - The strategy supports the UK Government's Road to Net Zero, Charging Ahead EV Infrastructure Strategy, the LEVI fund objectives, and regional transport strategies. The strategy is integrated with planning policy, including provisions for integrating EV infrastructure into new developments through planning requirements. Oversight is provided by the Public EV Charging Infrastructure Programme Board, ensuring strategic alignment and accountability.

6 Risk Assessment

- 6.1 There is a significant risk that if this strategy is not adopted, Dorset Council will not be eligible to bid for future funding to enable the installation of the necessary EV charging infrastructure.
- 6.2 There is a risk register which sits at delivery level rather than at strategy level as risks are more associated with programme delivery.
- 6.3 **HAVING CONSIDERED:** the risks associated with this decision; the level of risk has been identified as:
 - **Current Risk:** MEDIUM as without future funding the programme cannot be delivered.
 - **Residual Risk:** LOW as funding for the duration of this strategy is secured

7 Equalities Impact Assessment

- 7.1 The strategy incorporates key actions to ensure equality of access, opportunity, treatment, and outcomes for all. These include:
 - Prioritising the installation of chargepoints in areas with limited off-street parking.
 - Requiring compliance with PAS 1899, the accessibility standard for public Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points developed by the British Standards Institution, through procurement processes.

- Supporting digital inclusion via the Community Digital Champions programme.
- Ensuring wider and longer parking bays where achievable to facilitate easier access for all users.

7.2 Identified adverse impacts include:

- Trip hazards from trailing cables, particularly affecting older people, disabled individuals, carers, and parents with pushchairs.
- Challenges with technology, such as mobile apps, for those without smartphones or with limited digital skills.
- Physical difficulties in handling charging cables for individuals with upper mobility impairments.

7.3 Mitigation Measures:

- Careful site selection to minimise cable-related hazards.
- Promoting PAS 1899 compliance to ensure accessible design.
- Providing contactless payment options to reduce reliance on mobile apps.
- Continuing digital skills support through council-led initiatives.

7.4 Where adverse impacts remain, they are being actively addressed through inclusive design, education, and procurement practices. No unjustifiable discrimination has been identified.

7.5 Equality Targets to Narrow Inequality Gaps:

- Increase the availability of accessible EV infrastructure in rural and socio-economically deprived areas.
- Ensure all new public chargepoints meet or exceed PAS 1899 standards.
- Expand digital inclusion initiatives to support equitable access to EV infrastructure.

8 Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1: Draft Dorset Council Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy 2025-2028

[DC Draft EV Strategy 2025- 2028 Jul25](#)

8.2 Appendix 2: EqIA Final Version – signed off

[EVCPI Strategy EqIA 2024 Final Version](#)

8.3 Appendix 3: Accessible Table Showing Impacts

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Natural Assets & Ecology	No known impact
Water	No known impact
Resilience and Adaptation	major positive impact

Corporate Plan Aims	Impact
Grow our economy	strongly supports it
High-quality and affordable housing	neutral
Communities for all	strongly supports it

9 Background Papers

10 Report Sign Off

10.1 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)

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Place and Resources Overview Committee Draft Work Programme

Meeting Date- 24 November 2025

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Councillors	Other Information
Local Nature Recovery Strategy	To consider the strategy in its final form. The strategy sets out a spatial framework and priorities for nature recovery across Dorset, developed through extensive stakeholder engagement and evidence gathering. Approval will enable formal publication and implementation, supporting biodiversity enhancement, climate resilience, and alignment with national and local environmental objectives	Bridget Betts (Environment/Policy/Partnership Manager) Nick Ireland (Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding)	To be considered by Cabinet on 9 December 2025

Future items requested-

20mph speed limits in partnership with town and Parish Councils

Hedge to hedge

Biodiversity Duty

Informal work of the committee:

Date	Topic	Format	Councillors	Lead Officers	Other Information

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The Cabinet Forward Plan October 2025 to January 2026 (Publication date – 10 SEPTEMBER 2025)

Explanatory Note:

This Forward Plan contains future items to be considered by the Cabinet and Council. 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 of the Cabinet which are likely to -

- (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
- (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.

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
October 2025					

Dorset Domestic Abuse Strategy 2025-2028 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Dorset Council has a legal requirement to create a Domestic Abuse Strategy as set out in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. This was the second Strategy the Council had written such legislation came into place. The Strategy requires sign-off from the Council.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Oct 2025	People and Health Overview Committee 15 Sep 2025	Cabinet Member for Health and Housing	<i>Andy Frost, Service Manager for Community Safety andy.frost@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Ian Grant, Programme Coordinator ian.grant@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i>
Age Friendly Communities Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To provide an update on the Age Friendly Communities Programme.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Oct 2025	Health and Wellbeing Board 24 Sep 2025 People and Health Overview Committee 15 Sep 2025	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Sam Poole, Interim Corporate Director for Commissioning & Improvement samuel.poole@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i>
Empty Homes Strategy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open This report will introduce a strategy which sets out how the Council intends to bring long term empty properties back into use.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Oct 2025	People and Health Overview Committee 15 Sep 2025 Cabinet 9 Oct 2025	Cabinet Member for Health and Housing	<i>Steven March, Service Manager for Housing Standards steven.march@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
Dorset Council - Farms Estates Strategy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Draft strategy for Cabinet consideration and approval following development and appraisal by the Farm Advisory Panel.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Oct 2025		Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	David Haynes, Senior Rural Estates Surveyor david.haynes@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Jessica Maskrey, Head of Service – Assets & Property jessica.maskrey@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)
Developer contribution funding for community facilities at Mampitts Green, Shaftesbury Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To provide Cabinet members with an update on progress with the award of s106 developer contribution monies for the Mampitts Green project, Shaftesbury. To secure agreement of funding milestone variations, and provisions to enable early funding drawdown to support progression of the project	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Oct 2025		Cabinet Member for Planning and Emergency Planning	Hilary Jordan, Service Manager for Spatial Planning hilary.jordan@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Andrew Galpin, Infrastructure & Delivery Planning Manager andrew.galpin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
New Forest Mitigation Strategy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To seek agreement to adopt the New Forest Mitigation Strategy and apply a tariff to qualifying development to help fund the Strategic Access, Management and Monitoring projects identified in the strategy, thereby allowing the Council to give planning permission in the east of the council area.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Oct 2025		Cabinet Member for Place Services	<i>Hilary Jordan, Service Manager for Spatial Planning hilary.jordan@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Transformation Investment and Our Future Council Delivery update Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To seek Cabinet agreement to adopt the refreshed Transformation Strategy and OFC Delivery Model, which builds on existing progress under the Our Future Council programme. It strengthens our approach to organisational sustainability, targeted investment and service redesign with continued focus on enabling technologies and digital delivery to support budget balancing.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Oct 2025		Cabinet Member for Corporate Development and Transformation	<i>Lisa Cotton, Corporate Director for Customer and Cultural Services lisa.cotton@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Chief Executive</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
Get Dorset and BCP Working Plan Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To gain Cabinet approval for Dorset and BCP's Get Britain Working Plan and the related connect to work plan, and delegate authority for subsequent changes and allocation of further funding.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Oct 2025		Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Jon Bird, Service Manager for Economic Development and Skills jon.bird@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Nick Webster, Head of Growth and Regeneration nicholas.webster@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Aspire Adoption Annual Report Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider the Aspire Adoption Annual Report.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Oct 2025		Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>Jane MacLennan jane.maclennan@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i>
Council Tax for Care Leavers Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Oct 2025		Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>Jane MacLennan jane.maclennan@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Paula Golding, Corporate Director for Care and Protection paula.golding@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
Children's Services - Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services progress update Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open An update to Cabinet on Children's Services progress and impact against the post inspection action plan from the May 2025 inspection of Children's Services. This includes an updated "Self-Evaluation" from Dorset to be presented.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Oct 2025		Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>Richard Belcher, Service Manager - Strategic Partnerships</i> <i>richard.belcher@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i>
Children's Services Capital Programme Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt Update on various elements of the Children's Services Capital programme, including the SEND programme, with a view to clarifying or seeking delegations to allow the programmes to progress.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Oct 2025		Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills, Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<i>Paul Scothern, Service Manager Capital Commissioning</i> <i>paul.scothern@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
Modification of Public Health Contracts over £500k: 0-19 Public Health Nursing and Sexual Health Services Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt Both 0-19 Children and Young People Public Health Nursing Service and the Integrated Sexual Health Service contracts are currently due to end on 30 September 2026. Due to delays in procurement planning arising from the disaggregation of Public Health functions, approval is sought to extend the Integrated Sexual Health Service contract by 6 months and the 0-19 public Health Nursing Service contract by 12 months. This will enable appropriate staging and completion of procurement activity.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Oct 2025		Cabinet Member for Health and Housing	<i>Jane Horne, Consultant in Public Health</i> <i>jane.horne@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Director of Public Health and Prevention (Sam Crowe)</i>
November					

Council Plan Progress Report Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open A bi-annual report to Cabinet on Council Plan delivery.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 11 Nov 2025		Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	<i>Liz Crocker, Head of Strategy</i> <i>liz.crocker@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Chief Executive</i>
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Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
Quarter 2 financial management report Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider the Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring Report 2024/25.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 11 Nov 2025		Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<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>
Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and budget strategy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider the Medium Term Financial (MTFP) and budget strategy.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 11 Nov 2025		Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<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>
Dorset Care Record Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Approval for Dorset Council's continued participation in the Dorset Care Record (DCR).	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 11 Nov 2025		Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Sam Poole, Interim Corporate Director for Commissioning & Improvement</i> <i>samuel.poole@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Jen Cook, Lawyer - Contracts and Commercial</i> <i>jennifer.h.cook@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
Report on Pipeline of Asset Disposals Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt To consider a report on the Pipeline of Asset Disposals.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 11 Nov 2025		Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Carly Galloway, Service Manager Business Operations carly.galloway@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Jessica Maskrey, Head of Service – Assets & Property jessica.maskrey@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
December					
Dorset Tenancy Strategy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open A tenancy strategy to set out the kinds and circumstances for different types of tenancies that should be provided to social rented housing tenants, including arrangements for fixed term tenancies, for registered providers which hold stock in the Dorset local authority area, to pay attention to when formulating their tenancy policies.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Dec 2025	People and Health Overview Committee 3 Nov 2025	Cabinet Member for Health and Housing	<i>Sharon Attwater, Service Manager for Housing Strategy and Performance sharon.attwater@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Andrew Billany, Corporate Director for Housing andrew.billany@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
Towards a new model of day opportunities transformation Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider the results of the consultation on the future of day services in Dorset and use this information to shape a way forward for these services. The consultation was launched on a set of proposals across Dorset arising from Cabinet's agreement in principle to the new model for these services at its meeting on 10 September 2024.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Dec 2025	People and Health Overview Committee 3 Nov 2025	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Sarah Perrett, Commissioning Manager - Micro Provider & Voluntary Sector Development</i> sarah.perrett@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, <i>Karen Stephens, Interim Head of Service - Market Relationships, Major Contracts, and Over 65's</i> karen.stephens@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i>
Partnership Principles and Statement of Reasonable Expectations Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To approve a set of Partnership Principles with Community Partners and To approve a Statement of Reasonable Expectations with Town Councils	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Dec 2025	People and Health Overview Committee TBC Place and Resources Overview Committee TBC	Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	<i>Steven Ford, Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Sustainability</i> steven.ford@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, <i>Jennifer Lewis, Head of Strategic Communications and Engagement</i> jennifer.lewis@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <i>Chief Executive</i>

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Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To seek Cabinet's approval for the final Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy, prepared in accordance with the Environment Act 2021 and associated regulations. The strategy sets out a spatial framework and priorities for nature recovery across Dorset, developed through extensive stakeholder engagement and evidence gathering. Approval will enable formal publication and implementation, supporting biodiversity enhancement, climate resilience and alignment with national and local environmental objectives	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Dec 2025		Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	<i>Bridget Betts, Environmental Advice Manager bridget.betts@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Dorset National Landscape Management Key Decision - Yes Public Access – Open To adopt the Management Plan 2025-30, which sets out a strategic framework for conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, biodiversity, and culture heritage of the Dorset national Landscape, in alignment with national guidance and local priorities	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 9 Dec 2025		Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	<i>Bridget Betts, Environmental Advice Manager bridget.betts@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>

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2026					
February					
Quarter 3 financial management report Key Decision - No Public Access - Open Quarter 3 financial management report.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 27 Jan 2026		Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial</i> sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, <i>Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance</i> heather.lappin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
Dorset Council Housing Allocation Policy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open 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.	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 10 Feb 2026	People and Health Overview Committee 3 Nov 2025 Cabinet 9 Dec 2025	Cabinet Member for Health and Housing	<i>Sarah How, Service Manager for Housing Solutions</i> sarah.how@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i>

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Medium Term Financial Plan and Budget Strategy report Key Decision - No Public Access - Open	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 10 Feb 2026	Cabinet 27 Jan 2026 Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee 22 Jan 2026 People and Health Scrutiny Committee 23 Jan 2026	Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<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>
May					
Financial Provision for the Voluntary Community Sector Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open 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 them.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date	People and Health Overview Committee 15 Sep 2025	Cabinet Member for Customer, Culture and Community Engagement	<i>Laura Cornette, Business Partner - Communities and Partnerships</i> <i>Laura.cornette@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Jennifer Lowis, Head of Strategic Communications and Engagement</i> <i>jennifer.louis@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer</i>

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.