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**DECISIONS OF THE CABINET
29 JULY 2025**

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on 29 July 2025 and will come into force and may be implemented on 7 August 2025 unless the decision is called in for scrutiny.

In accordance with the council's constitution, any six members of the same relevant Scrutiny Committee may request the Monitoring Officer to 'call-in' a decision for scrutiny. The Monitoring Officer will be provided with written notice that will identify the decision to be called-in and the ground for the call-in when the request is made. If satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the proposed call-in, the Monitoring Officer will notify the decision-maker of the call-in within 5 clear working days. The deadline for this request is **6 August 2025.**

The full call-in procedure is set out in the Constitution or for further information and advice please telephone Kate Critchel on 01305 252234

6 PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERY AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE CONTRACTS

- (a) That, the current performance and the importance of the Recovery & Community Resilience contracts in the operation of the local urgent and emergency care system, be noted
- (b) That the use of the direct award process C under The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 (PSR23), be approved, to award five contracts to the existing providers in order to continue the existing Recovery and Community Resilience (RCR) service; and
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Adults & Housing, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, to make all necessary arrangements to give effect to the direct award to the existing providers.

Reason for the decision

Dorset Council was the Lead Commissioner, on behalf of the Dorset Integrated Care System, for the Recovery and Community Resilience (RCR) contracts, which were funded in the main from NHS Contributions via the Better Care Fund. This was a critical service to avoid bed blocking with knock-on effects for the Integrated Care Board and the Council. There was an essential requirement to have established contract provision in place.

7 URGENT ITEMS - SEND CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The following item of business were considered by the Chair as urgent pursuant to section 100B (4) b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The item was considered to be urgent to enable the works to take place over the Summer.

SEND Capital Programme

- (a) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance & Capital Strategy and the S151 Officer to enter into a contract for the project set out in the exempt Appendix B of the report to Cabinet 29 July 2025.
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Executive Director People – Children's to enter construction contracts at the appropriate time provided the project forms part of the SEND Capital Programme and the project cost is contained within the overall programme budget.

Reason for the decision

To ensure no further delays were incurred for the project set out in exempt Appendix B and to ensure the appropriate delegation was in place for future projects which form part of the SEND Capital programme.

9 DISPOSALS UPDATE

That the recommendations as set out in the exempt report of 29 July 2025, be approved.

Reason for the decision

- (a) To manage the disposal of sites surplus to requirements as identified as priority disposals by the Council.
- (b) To generate capital receipts and save holding costs.

10 ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

That the recommendations, as set out in the report of 29 July 2025, be approved.

Reason for the decision

To support to provision of a new ERP solution to transform our ways of working, as an integral part of the “Our Future Council” transformation programme.