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DECISIONS OF THE CABINET 9 SEPTEMBER 2025

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on 9 September 2025 and will come into force and may be implemented on xxx 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 **17 September 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 DORSET SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP (DSCP) ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2024 - MARCH 2025

That the annual report be received and noted.

7 NEW STREET LIGHTING POLICY

(a) That the Street Lighting Policy for new and replacement lighting in Dorset be adopted. *The policy includes the new environmental zoning, recommendations for dimming and the use of lower correlated colour temperature (CCT) LEDs in new streetlights, with the CCT typically not exceeding 2700K. The policy also enables town and parish councils to fund additional costs if there is a local preference for alternative equipment such as brackets, columns and lanterns.*

(b) Cabinet agreed to work with the street lighting service provider, who plans to invest in replacing 18,500 outdated lanterns over the next two or three years at no cost to the council. In return, the service provider will receive 75% of the energy savings until their contract ends in 2032.

Reason for the decision

Limiting colour temperatures for new and replacement street lighting in Dorset would bring health, ecological and dark sky benefits. The policy took a Dorset specific approach to street lighting that balances modern technological advancements, health and wellbeing, Dorset's unique environment, our climate ambitions and recognised best practice.

8 JULY 2025 (PERIOD 4) FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT 2025/26

(a) That the Senior Leadership Team's (SLT) forecast of the full year's outturn for the Council, made at the end of July 2025 including progress of the transformational and efficiency savings incorporated into the budget, be noted.

(b) It was noted that SLT will be bringing forward financial control measures in response to the forecast position.

(c) That the capital programme for 2025/26 be noted.

(d) That the number and extent of contract exemptions be noted.

Reason for the decision

The Council was legally required to set a balanced budget every year and so must deliver services within the resources made available through the revenue and capital budgets for 2025/26. The report summarised the Council's forecast financial performance for the year at the end of July 2025.

9 ADDITIONAL PROCUREMENT FORWARD PLAN REPORT - OVER £500K (2025-26) AND MODERN SLAVERY TRANSPARENCY STATEMENT 2024-25

- (a) Cabinet agreed to begin each of the procurement procedures as set out in Appendix 1 (*subject to an approved and available budget*) to the report.
- (b) That authority be delegated to the relevant Cabinet Member, after consultation with the relevant Executive Director to make the following decisions:
 - (i) To agree final procurement documentation developed and refined within the broad scope of the procurement briefing notes (*available on request*).
 - (ii) To agree contract award subject to an approved and available budget (*through a recommendation to award report and recorded in an Executive Decision form by the decision maker*).
 - (iii) That the Modern Slavery Transparency Statement for 2024-2025 be published.

Reason for the decision

Cabinet was required to approve all key decisions with financial consequences of £500k or more. It was a statutory requirement for the Council to publish a Modern Slavery Transparency Statement on an annual basis.

10 ALL-AGE PAN-DORSET APPROPRIATE ADULT SERVICE - CONTRACT EXTENSION APPROVAL

That the extension of the existing contract for the All-Age Pan-Dorset Appropriate Adult Service with the Appropriate Adult Service (TAAS) from 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026, be approved.

Reason for the decision

In early 2025 Dorset Council scheduled a new procurement of this service so that a new contract would be in place for 1 July 2025. However, this was subject to all partners signing a Participation Agreement. Unforeseen delays finalising this agreement with partners has led to extending the re-procurement timeline and requiring an extension to the contract with the current provider. This agreement has now been signed by all partners.

11 DORSET COUNCIL PROPERTY AND HOUSING REPAIRS - REPLACEMENT OF RMMSCW FRAMEWORK

- (a) That the approach to the long-term replacement of the RMMSCW Framework be approved and the procurement of the measured term contracts and identification of an appropriate framework for the commissioning of small capital works, be authorised.
- (b) That the approach to the interim solution while the long-term contracts are procured be approved.
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Place in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth to award interim contracts described within Appendix B of the report, under the Westworks Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS), and subject to available budget.

- (d) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Place in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth, the Executive Director Corporate/ Section 151 Officer and the Director Legal and Democratic to select the most appropriate DPS for the procurement of Capital Works.
- (e) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Place in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth, the Executive Director Corporate/ Section 151 Officer and the Director Legal and Democratic to award and agree the terms of the long-term contracts described in Appendix B of the report, and subject to available budget.

Reason for the decision

To ensure the ability to deliver repairs and maintenance and small capital works to Council buildings and housing properties and to approve the procurement of the long-term solution which was intended to enhance the provision and cost effectiveness of these services to the Council's estate.

12 KNIGHTSFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- (a) That the Council 'makes' the Knightsford Neighbourhood Plan (as set out in Appendix A of the report) part of the statutory development plan for the Knightsford Neighbourhood Area.
- (b) That the Council offers its congratulations to Knightsford Parish Council and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group for producing a successful neighbourhood plan.

Reason for the decision

To formally "make" the Knightsford Neighbourhood Plan part of the statutory development plan for the Knightsford Neighbourhood Area. In addition, to recognise the significant amount of work undertaken by the Parish Council and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group in preparing the plan and to congratulate the Council and the Group on their success.

15 ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR SEND PROVISION

That the recommendations set out in the exempt report be approved.

Reason for the decision

To allow the expansion for SEND provision and to meet existing need.