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DECISIONS OF THE CABINET 8 SEPTEMBER 2026

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on 8 September 2026 and will come into force and may be implemented on 17 September 2026 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 **16 September 2026**.

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 JULY 2026 (PERIOD 4) FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT 26/27

Decision

- (a) That the Senior Leadership Team's forecast as of July 2026 including progress in addressing demand for services and on the transformational and efficiency savings incorporated into the budget, be noted.
- (b) That the addition of the Wimborne Community Sports Hub capital budget (£2.289m) to the Capital Programme (Business case as set out in the report of 8 September 2026 at Appendix C), be approved.
- (c) That the addition of the Lyme Regis Environmental Improvement Scheme Phase 5 (The Cobb) capital budget (£8.365m) to the Capital Programme, be approved.
- (d) That the decision to extend the Mosaic contract which required a retrospective update to a September 2023 Cabinet record of decision (as at Appendix B), be noted.
- (e) That the number and extent of contract exemptions (as at Appendix B), be noted.

Reason for the decision

To enable Cabinet to consider the Council's current and projected financial position, approve the necessary amendments to the Capital Programme, and ensure that financial resources, reserves and future investment priorities were aligned with the Council Plan, supported sustainable service delivery, and informed the development of the Medium-Term Financial Plan and future budget strategy.

7 ADDITIONAL PROCUREMENT PIPELINE REPORT - OVER £500K (2026 - 27) AND MODERN SLAVERY TRANSPARENCY STATEMENT 2025 - 2026

Decision

- (a) Cabinet considered the contents of the report (of 8 September 2026) in respect of proposed additional more than £500k procurement activity for 2026-27 that was listed in Appendix 1 of the report and the Modern Slavery Transparency Statement and approve and agree:
 - (i) That the commencement of each of the procurement procedures (or variation) as listed (subject to an approved and available budget, business case) in the report.
 - (ii) That authority be delegated to the relevant Cabinet member, after consultation with the relevant Director to make the following decisions:

To agree final procurement documentation developed and refined with the broad scope of the procurement briefing notes (available on request)

To agree contract award subject to an approved and available budget (through a recommendation to award report provided the tender outcome are within + 5% of the budget agreed with Finance)

To note that approval of procurement activity within Appendix 1 of the report included authority to establish, join or utilise framework agreements, dynamic markets, and similar procurement arrangements where identified in the supporting procurement briefing note, together with the subsequent award of call-off contracts and associated agreements in accordance with the Council's rules.

- (b) That the Modern Slavery Transparency Statement 2025-2026, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, be approved for publication.

Decision

To approve the proposed procurement pipeline and associated delegations for contracts exceeding £500k, ensuring appropriate governance, oversight and flexibility in the procurement process, while also reaffirming the Council's commitment to ethical procurement practices through the publication of the Modern Slavery Transparency Statement.

10 MODIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONTRACTS OVER £500K: 0-19 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AND SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

That the recommendations set out in the exempt report of 8 September 2026 be approved.

Reason for the decision

To modify two Public Health Contracts over £500k: Sexual Health and 0-19 Public Health Nursing Services.

11 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY DISPOSAL

That the recommendations set out in the exempt report of 8 September 2026 be approved.

Reason for the decision

To approve the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the commercial property and to agree the arrangements necessary to complete the sale in accordance with the Council's asset management and financial objectives.

12 GRANT FUNDING FROM LNMF FOR NITROGEN MITIGATION, POOLE HARBOUR CATCHMENT

That the recommendations set out in the exempt report of 8 September 2026 be approved.

Reason for the decision

Dorset Council had a legal duty, as the competent authority under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), to ensure that new development did not adversely affect the integrity of protected habitats within Poole Harbour.