



Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 21 May 2026
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Meeting Room 1, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum: 3)

Nocturin Lacey-Clarke (Chair), Ray Bryan (Vice-Chair), Alex Brenton, Barrie Cooper, Alex Fuhrmann, Jack Jeanes, Craig Monks, Louie O'Leary, David Tooke and Sarah Williams

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Agenda

Item	Pages
1. APOLOGIES	
To receive any apologies for absence.	
2. MINUTES	
The minutes of the meeting on 30 April 2026 will be considered alongside this meetings minutes on 25 June 2026.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
To disclose any pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interests as set out in the adopted Code of Conduct. In making their disclosure councillors are asked to state the agenda item, the nature of the interest and any action they propose to take as part of their declaration.	

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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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To receive questions submitted by councillors.

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| 6. | EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO FLOODING INCIDENTS IN DORSET (STORM CHANDRA) | 5 - 12 |
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| | <i>Forward Plans are provided to members of the Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee to review and identify any potential post decision scrutiny to be undertaken, by scheduling items into the work programme to review after a period of implementation.</i> | |
| 9. | 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. | |
| 10. | 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 Scrutiny Committee

21 May 2026

Emergency Response to Flooding Incidents in Dorset (Storm Chandra)

For Review and Consultation

Cabinet Member: Click or tap to enter a date.
Cllr S Bartlett, Planning and Emergency Planning

Local Councillor(s):

Senior Leadership Team:
J Mair - Director, Assurance and Governance

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Statutory Authority:

Report status: Public (the exemption paragraph is N/A)

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 This report summarises Dorset Council's response to Storm Chandra and the subsequent ground water flooding, with a focus on the lessons learnt. For avoidance of doubt, this debrief report focuses solely on the Council's response to the flooding, not any remedial action. Full Council on 10 February announced additional flood prevention funding, and initiated a formal investigation into the flooding – a mix of statutory S19 site specific flood investigation reports alongside a wider strategic review covering the whole Dorset Council area. This was subject to a separate report being considered by Cabinet on 19 May 2026.
- 1.2 Exceptional rainfall, including Storm Chandra, led to widespread flooding that affected homes, businesses, roads and vital services. Many communities experienced significant disruption, and in some cases devastating impacts. Flooding from groundwater remained dominant across the Dorset central chalk band, with a rare Amber warning for ground water being declared by the EA on 31 January 2026 and remaining in place for a number of weeks.
- 1.3 Debriefing following response to incidents is a key part of the emergency planning cycle, with learnings fed into future planning and response. Responses of the magnitude of the Storm Chandra flooding are generally subject to a Dorset Council debrief, which then feeds into a wider Local Resilience Forum debrief. The focus of this report is Dorset Council's own debrief findings, identifying what went well, what

didn't go so well, and what could we do better in future. This will hopefully provide the Committee with a worked example of how learnings are achieved and future service delivery improved.

2. **Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 That the Place and Resources note the findings of the debriefing.

3. **Reason for the recommendation(s)**

- 3.1 To provide assurance over the Council's response, and the processes for organisational learning.

4. **Storm Chandra**

- 4.1 Dorset experienced several intense rainfall events through January 2026, culminating in Storm Chandra (26–27th), which delivered exceptionally heavy rain onto already saturated catchments. This led to increased surface water run-off into already swollen rivers and streams, with groundwater reaching unprecedented levels, with a rare Amber warning for ground water being declared by the Environment Agency on 31 January 2026 and remaining in place for a number of weeks.
- 4.2 Flooding was widespread across Dorset, affecting residential properties, businesses, the road network and sewage systems. In the worst cases, the internal property flooding to people's homes was devastating.
- 4.3 Following Storm Chandra, conditions remained unsettled through February 2026. The Environment Agency's Wessex situation reports show that January 2026 was the second wettest on record for the Wessex area, with average rainfall being 200% of the long-term average with 190mm rainfall. Groundwater levels across the chalk aquifer were above normal to exceptionally high throughout February and March – the highest since records began. Throughout early February to March, multiple Environment Agency groundwater flood warnings remained in force.

5. **Emergency Response**

- 5.1 The Dorset Local Resilience Forum (LRF) is the principal mechanism for multi-agency cooperation under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (which is the UK's primary legislation for emergency preparedness and response. It establishes a legal framework for how organisations prepare for, respond to, and recover from major incidents).
- 5.2 There are statutory requirements on local authorities (alongside Police; Fire; Ambulance Service; Health; Environment Agency) who are defined as "Category One responders". The Dorset LRF is based on the Dorset Constabulary boundary. Collectively LRF partners will co-ordinate the response and, should any partners become overwhelmed, support the LRF with resourcing or capability at their

disposal. The principle mechanisms for this in response are: i) PEAT – pre-event assessment teleconference – where we consider implications of a response and preparedness based on intelligence received; ii) Strategic Coordinating Group – a meeting of senior “Gold” officers to set the strategy for response; and iii) Tactical Coordinating Group – a meeting of “silver” officers that determine the tactical response to the strategy that has been set. This is then delivered by “bronze” – highways teams; fire personnel etc.

- 5.3 Dorset Council operates a “command and control” structure, which is set out in its Emergency Response Plan. In many instances emergency planning and other teams will respond to incidents without activation of this plan. However, it is mobilised where the incident is significant or is escalated to the LRF. Our command and control structure consists of Gold (strategic) at Senior Leadership Team level; and Silver (tactical) fulfilled by a range of officers across the Corporate Director, Heads of Service and Service Manager positions. They are supported by the Emergency Management and Resilience Team, as tactical advisors, and Local Authority Liaison Officers – a pool of staff that have volunteered their services to be the “eyes and ears” on the scene of an incident, as well as the conduit with emergency services on the ground. This command and control structure is subject to a 24/7 duty rota, 365 days a year.
- 5.4 A range of other services have an out of hours provision, including Highways, Communications, Customer Services, Building Control, Flood & Coastal Engineers, Adult Social Care, Children's Services and Assets and Property. For a response such as Storm Chandra, other services are also called upon outside of these standby arrangements, but this is on a “best endeavours” basis, alongside calling on additional (i.e. ‘not on duty’) support to bolster out of hours provision.
- 5.5 Weather events are generally classed as “rising tide” incidents, insofar as there is a lead-in period where intelligence can be gathered and resource/capability can be assessed. This would ordinarily be the weather alerts and warnings issued by the Met Office. Any LRF partner can determine the need for a PEAT/Pre-event Assessment Teleconference. Based on the Met Office intelligence, relevant Dorset Council teams were approached to determine whether there was a need to stand up a pre-emptive Incident Management Team (IMT). IMT’s are our internal mechanisms for seeking assurance that all key services are informed, have the capability to mobilise relevant resources based on the intelligence received, determine any further actions necessary, and inform those officers (Gold/Silver) that may then input at the LRF / multi-agency level.
- 5.6 Consulted services did not deem that a pre-emptive IMT was necessary, based on the intelligence received, and were comfortable in their preparations. Similarly, no LRF partner deemed it necessary to call a PEAT. Overnight rainfall (26th / 27th January) and subsequent flooding exceeded anticipated levels based on the intelligence. An LRF PEAT was called early on 27th January, and soon morphed into an LRF Tactical Coordinating Group (TCG), as the level of flooding and disruption was requiring significant response across a range of partners. Following this Dorset Council invoked

its own IMT that sat throughout the initial days of response, chaired by Silver and Gold. For this particular response, Silver was the Head of ICT Operations and Gold was the Director for Legal and Democratic Services.

- 5.7 Between 27 and 30 January 2026, a total of seven TCGs were held, reflecting the sustained and evolving nature of the incident. Flooding affected multiple areas at different times rather than a single hotspot, requiring an ongoing reassessment of impacts and priorities.
- 5.8 The flooding put significant pressure on a number of Dorset Council teams – both in and out of hours (who had also been responding to a range of weather events leading up to Storm Chandra, alongside other incidents):
- 5.9 Highways Team responded to over 100 cases of serious flooding. A number of Dorset's main roads became temporarily impassable. These included:
 - Parts of the A37, A354, A350, A356 and the B3092
 - A35 from Organford Lane to A351 Bakers Arms
 - A35 at Winterbourne Abbas (National Highways Trunk Road)
 - A351 at Corfe Castle
- 5.10 The highways response was site specific, but included a range of road closures; temporary lights; liaison with flood wardens; gully clearance and jetting of drains. With the level of groundwater as high as it was, further mitigation was often limited, as there was nowhere to disperse the water to. Aside from the Councils action taken to try and prevent and mitigate impacts, there were occasions where unfortunately the only option was to evacuate premises on the grounds of safety and relocate residents to a place of safety. This then becomes a multi agency response, with the fire service helping residents from their homes, and the Council providing temporary accommodation – whether through the mobilisation of rest centres or rehousing. Although it is quite common that those displaced will make their own arrangements, via families and friends.
- 5.11 Evacuations were required from a number of sites – most notably Thornicombe Travellers site near Blandford and Gladelands Park Homes site in Ferndown, with rest centres and temporary accommodation mobilised. In addition some relocations from East Street in Blandford and the transfer of a resident with care needs within the winterbournes (alongside an evacuation carried out by the housing provider, utilising their business continuity arrangements). Although not stood-up, a rest centre was near to mobilisation for parts of Dorchester and on standby for East Street in Blandford.
- 5.12 The response required active involvement of a large number of teams in and out of hours, including (but not limited to) – Highways; Emergency Planning; Communications; Gypsy and Traveller Liaison; Customer Services; Dorset Travel; Local Authority Liaison Officers; **Page 8** Adults and Children's Social Care teams.

- 5.13 Following conclusion of a response, the Council actively undertakes a debrief with the key services that responded to understand i) what went well; ii) what didn't go so well; and iii) what could be done differently in future. The key findings are set out in Section 6 of this report. Just to reiterate, this is separate to the future prevention considerations and investigations that are subject to the Cabinet report on the 19 May.
- 5.14 Flooding events of the magnitude as those experienced posed by Storm Chandra also emphasise the need for communities and individuals to look at their own resilience plans. Embedding community resilience is key, and Dorset Council is committed to improving this and supporting future development. We are working with Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils to liaise with individual parish and town councils to better identify and understand specific risks within their areas. This doesn't absolve the local authorities and other emergency responders of any need to action, but recognises that there can often be an early intervention at a local level.

6. Key Findings of the Debrief

6.1 What Went Well

- 6.1.1 There was a rapid mobilisation and cohesive multi-service working, both in and out of working hours. The response was deemed to be well organised with clear lines of accountability, good prioritisation and proportionate and decisive decision making, aided by mapping. At times teams were split into separate response teams dealing with concurrent issues, and IMTs were running in parallel.
- 6.1.2 We were able to mobilise rest centres swiftly, staffed by social care colleagues with housing support, and with deployment of multiple Local Authority Liaison Officers acting coordinating on scene and acting as the conduit with emergency services on the ground. For the Thornicombe evacuation, this included transport provision by Dorset Travel and on scene coordination from Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officers.
- 6.1.3 Public communication was deemed to be clear, particularly around road closures.
- 6.1.4 Highways response was proportionate with operational focus where the risks were deemed highest, managing what was a significant impact on large parts of the highways network.
- 6.1.5 The decision to cancel school transport on 30 January 2026 was made early and decisively, based on the intelligence available.
- 6.1.6 Working across multi agency partners was good, with timely and proportionate LRF meetings. The decision by Dorset Council not to escalate the amber warning for ground water flooding to multi agency Tactical Coordinating Group was the correct one, as there was no further proactive intervention that partners could provide at that time.

6.2 What Didn't Go So Well

- 6.2.1 Due to the extent and prolonged nature of the response, resilience across teams became stretched, with many team members working long hours whilst dealing with concurrent responses. This impacted on highways, emergency management and resilience, social care staff and the small pool of local authority liaison officers (being pulled away from their business as usual roles whilst attending multiple sites). We were fortunate that, whilst we were balancing incidents across wide areas of Dorset, we were not faced with multiple rest centre mobilisations at the same time, or subject to an unrelated concurrent emergency response (such as a significant fire).
- 6.2.2 Some internal communications across teams could be improved. There was some misrouting of calls, and management of reporting lists in and out of hours was not centralised, meaning that there was no single record.
- 6.2.3 Pressures on the small Emergency Management and Resilience team in responding to concurrent incidents meant that there were sometimes delays in notifying and updating ward councillors. Parish and Town Councillors also felt unsighted at times.
- 6.2.4 Data is key to decision making, and at times there was limited data available on the likely impacts of the Amber ground water flooding from Environment Agency. With levels of water in some cases unprecedented, there was no historical data to provide a firm indication of how flooding impacts would further impact.
- 6.2.5 Situational awareness is reliant on early notifications by services, councillors and community escalation. In certain cases, the Emergency Management and Resilience Team were not made aware of particular evacuation risks, which delayed Local Authority Liaison Officer deployment and consideration of rest centre mobilisation. This did not negatively impact on the response, but delayed decision making.

6.3 What Could We Look to do Differently in the Future

- 6.3.1 We need to look out how we can improve our communication channels into Parish and Town councils. Ordinarily there is a view that ward members can in part act as a conduit with the Parish and Town Council. But that is only feasible when they have been suitably briefed themselves, and as stated above, due to the response pressures this was not as prompt or detailed as we would ordinarily expect. This role may sit best outside of the Emergency Management and Resilience Team, and others deeply involved, during such intense incident response.
- 6.3.2 We are looking at how we can better build resilience across our teams, through identification of transferable skills and willing volunteers that can be upskilled as appropriate and temporarily transfer from services that are less time critical, in order to develop a wider cadre of staff that can respond over a prolonged period. This could be enabled via the new Enterprise Resource Planning implementation.

- 6.3.3 We can look at applying the same resourcing model that highways operate for snow events, with stand up of 12 hour shift patterns and suspension of other work.
- 6.3.4 Further progressing our work on joined up data sharing, to ensure that we have an improved visibility of those vulnerable people that are not supported by Dorset Council but potentially left without care or help.
- 6.3.5 Work is already underway (and planned prior to these flooding events) to further enhance community resilience, with an analysis of particular vulnerabilities and exposures within each parish and town council area, and the level of maturity in their own planning. Support is being provided by Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils. We could also improve “what to do in a flooding incident” guidance for residents that are in specific areas that are more vulnerable to flooding, as part of our drive to improve personal resilience amongst communities.

7. **Alternative options considered**

N/A

8. **Legal considerations**

None

9. **Financial implications**

None, but appreciating that significant responses can result in high levels of unbudgeted cost.

10. **Natural environment, climate & ecology implications**

None, but the changing climate is leading to an increase in response to weather related incidents.

11. **Well-being and health implications**

None, but noting that the response involved prolonged working hours for a number of teams.

12. **Other implications**

None

13. **13. Risk implications**

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

Current Risk: Medium

Residual Risk: Medium

14. **Equalities**

N/A

15.Appendices

None

16. Background papers

None

17. Report sign-off

- 17.1 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 Section 151 Officer and the appropriate Portfolio Holder(s)

Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme

Meeting Date- 25 June 2026

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Our Future Council (OFC)	To receive a report on the progress made towards the saving targets and transformation objectives of the Our Future Council programme after year 1	Nina Coakley - Head of Transformation and Design Cllr Ben Wilson - Cabinet Member for Corporate Development and Transformation	
Active Travel	To receive a report that answers questions around usage, value for money and cost of active travel schemes implemented to date	Christopher Peck- Principal Transport Planner Cllr Jon Andrews, Place Services	
Performance Scrutiny	To review the most recent performance information and use this to agree items to add to the committee work programme for further analysis	Chris Heighway – Performance and Analytics Team Manager Cllr Nick Ireland – Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	

Meeting Date- 30 July 2026

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology update report	To review the bi-annual progress report on the Dorset Council Climate & Ecological Emergency Strategy	Antony Littlechild, Team Manager Sustainability Bridget Betts, Environment/Policy/Partnership Manager Councillor Nick Ireland Cllr Nick Ireland – Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	
Sickness Absence and Workforce Data Deep Dive	Key lines of enquiry to be formed in addition to the issues raised in April Performance scrutiny item and shared with authors before the end of May	Christopher Matthews, Head of People and workforce	
Waste collections	Key lines of enquiry to be formed in addition to the issues raised in April Performance scrutiny item and shared with authors before the end of May	Michael Moon Head of Fleet & Waste Operations Cllr Jon Andrews, Place Services	

Meeting Date: 24 September 2026

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Performance Scrutiny	To review the most recent performance information and use this to agree items to add to the committee work programme for further analysis	Chris Heighway – Performance and Analytics Team Manager Councillor Nick Ireland Cllr Nick Ireland – Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	
Assets and Property Accessibility	Key lines of enquiry to be formed in addition to the issues raised in April Performance scrutiny item and shared with authors before the end of May	Jess Maskrey Head of Service - Assets & Property Richard Biggs	

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Pending items:

- FOI and assurance regular update
- The Local Enforcement plan post implementation review

Annual items:

- Strategic Asset Management Plan update – September
- Corporate Complaints Team – Annual Report - November

Bi-annual items:

- Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology – progress report – July and November

Alternate meeting items:

- Performance Scrutiny – informal session held before each committee occurrence - June, November, January, April.

Informal Work of the Committee:

Date	Topic	Format	Members	Lead Officers	Other Information
August	Committee site visits across a selection of assets across the DC estate	Site Visits	All committee members attending sites local to their ward.	Jess Maskrey	
Quarterly	Review of the committee's performance and risk dashboards	Informal meeting	All committee members	Chris Heighway (Strategic Performance Intelligence &Risk)	Review of the dashboards to identify potential future areas for review by the committee

The Cabinet Forward Plan - June to September 2026 **(Publication date – 25 MAY 2026)**

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.

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
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Dorset National Landscape grant funding 2026-2029 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open In January 2026 the hosted partnership team for the Dorset National Landscape should be notified of its grant allocation from Defra for 2026-2027 and indicative allocations for 2027-2029. All support delivery of the Management Plan previously adopted by Cabinet.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 23 Jun 2026		Cabinet Member for Planning and Emergency Planning	<i>Mike Garrity, Corporate Director for Planning</i> <i>mike.garrity@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Tom Munro, Dorset National Landscape Manager</i> <i>tom.munro@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Regeneration, Infrastructure and Growth (Jan Britton)</i>
Draft Outturn Report 2025/26 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the 2025/26 Outturn report.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 23 Jun 2026		Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<i>Sean Cremer, Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sian Hedger, Deputy s151 Officer</i> <i>sian.hedger@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>

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Aspire Annual Report Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the Aspire Annual Report.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 23 Jun 2026		Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>Paula Golding, Corporate Director for Care and Protection</i> <i>paula.golding@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Children's Services (Paul Dempsey)</i>
Bridport Reablement Centre Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt A report to provide an update on the Bridport Reablement Centre project, including approval on the Stage 2 Scheme and award of the build contract to the preferred construction partner.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 23 Jun 2026		Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Sam Poole, Interim Corporate Director for Commissioning & Improvement</i> <i>samuel.poole@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults</i>
Dorset Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider extending the current strategy which expires 27 July 2026 until April 2027.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 23 Jun 2026		Cabinet Member for Health and Housing	<i>Sharon Attwater, Head of Housing</i> <i>sharon.attwater@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sam Brand, Service Manager for Housing Advice and Homelessness</i> <i>sam.brand@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Housing, Prevention and Communities (Sam Crowe)</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 response to consultation on permitted development rights for onshore wind turbines in England Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To inform Cabinet of the response submitted to the Government's consultation on permitted development rights for onshore wind turbines, and to seek Cabinet endorsement of the response. The deadline for responding is 10 June 2026 (in advance of the Cabinet meeting) If Cabinet wish to submit any further comments in relation to the response, then these will be submitted after the consultation deadline.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 23 Jun 2026		Cabinet Member for Planning and Emergency Planning	<i>Anna Lee, Service Manager for Development Management and Enforcement</i> anna.lee@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <i>Executive Director - Regeneration, Infrastructure and Growth (Jan Britton)</i>
Capital Programme Review Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open The Capital Programme has been subject to a review, this report outlines the work that has been done, the proposed changes and subsequent recommendations.	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 16 Jul 2026	Cabinet 23 Jun 2026	Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<i>Hannah Brown, Service Manager (Finance)</i> hannah.brown@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <i>Executive Director - Regeneration, Infrastructure and Growth (Jan Britton)</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
Dorset and BCP Council Local Transport Plan 2026 - 2041 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Following a successful consultation on the draft plan last year, the finalised new joint Local Transport Plan 2026 – 2041 is being preset ed for adoption.	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 16 Jul 2026	Cabinet 23 Jun 2026	Cabinet Member for Place Services	<i>Owen Clark, Strategic and Policy Team Manager</i> <i>owen.clark@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Jack Wiltshire, Corporate Director for Highways and Engineering</i> <i>jack.wiltshire@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Regeneration, Infrastructure and Growth (Jan Britton)</i>
July					
 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 28 Jul 2026	People and Health Overview Committee 6 Jul 2026	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.lowis@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>
End of year performance report Key Decision - No Public Access - Open An end of year report on council plan delivery and broader organisational health.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 28 Jul 2026		Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	<i>Liz Crocker, Head of Strategy</i> <i>liz.crocker@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Chris Heighway, Performance and Analytics Team Manager</i> <i>chris.leighway@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Chief Executive</i>

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DFT rental E-scooter trial Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Seeking Cabinet approval to enable two areas of Dorset to introduce an e-scooter rental service trial. The two areas are: 1) Upton and Corfe Mullen 2) Weymouth, Portland, Chickereil and Dorchester.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 28 Jul 2026	Place and Resources Overview Committee 4 Jun 2026	Cabinet Member for Place Services	<i>Christopher Whitehouse, Projects Team Manager</i> <i>christopher.whitehouse@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Kate Tunks, Service Manager for Infrastructure and Assets</i> <i>kate.tunks@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Regeneration, Infrastructure and Growth (Jan Britton)</i>
Youth Justice Plan Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To approve the Youth Justice Plan for 2026/27.	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 22 Oct 2026	Cabinet 28 Jul 2026 People and Health Overview Committee 6 Jul 2026	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>David Webb, Head of Service - Dorset Combined Youth Justice Service</i> <i>david.webb@bcpcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Children's Services (Paul Dempsey)</i>
Dorset Community Safety Plan 2026 - 2029 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open New statutory three year community safety plan for the Dorset Council area. The plan has been written and agreed by the Council and partners through the Dorset Community Safety Partnership and now requires formal adoption by Dorset Council.	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 22 Oct 2026	Cabinet 28 July 2026 People and Health Overview Committee 6 Jul 2026	Cabinet Member for Health and Housing	<i>Andy Frost, Service Manager for Community Safety</i> <i>andy.frost@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Housing, Prevention and Communities (Sam Crowe)</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
September					
July 2026 (period 4) financial management report 26/27 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the Period 4 financial management report.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 8 Sep 2026		Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<i>Sean Cremer, Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sian Hedger, Deputy s151 Officer</i> <i>sian.hedger@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>
October 2026					
Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open This is the Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership's Annual Report 25/26 detailing the Partnership's activity from April 2025-March 2026 and is for Cabinet's information.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026		Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>Megan Cameron-Brown, Head of Quality Assurance and Partnerships</i> <i>megan.cameron-brown@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Children's Services (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
November 2026					
Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider the adoption of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 10 Nov 2026	Place and Resources Overview Committee	Cabinet Member for Place Services	<i>Russell Goff, Senior Ranger</i> <i>russell.goff@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Regeneration, Infrastructure and Growth (Jan Britton)</i>
September 2026 (period 6) financial management report 26/27 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the period 6 financial management report 2026/27.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 10 Nov 2026		Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<i>Sean Cremer, Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> , <i>Sian Hedger, Deputy s151 Officer</i> <i>sian.hedger@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>
December 2026					
Mid year performance update Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To provide an update on mid-year progress in council plan delivery and broader organisational health.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 8 Dec 2026		Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	<i>Liz Crocker, Head of Strategy</i> <i>liz.crocker@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> , <i>Chris Heighway, Performance and Analytics Team Manager</i> <i>chris.heighway@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>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
February 2027					
December 2026 Quarter 3 financial management plan 2026/2027 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the Quarter 3 financial management plan 2026/27.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 2 Feb 2027		Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<i>Sean Cremer, Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sian Hedger, Deputy s151 Officer</i> <i>sian.hedger@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>
Budget & Medium-term financial plan strategy report (MTFP) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider the medium Term Financial (MTFP) and budget strategy.	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 11 Feb 2027	Cabinet 2 Feb 2027	Cabinet Member for Finance & Capital Strategy	<i>Sean Cremer, Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sian Hedger, Deputy s151 Officer</i> <i>sian.hedger@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer</i>

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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.
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Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd
Forward Plan - March to June 2026
(Publication date – 18 FEBRUARY 2026)

Explanatory Note:

This Forward Plan contains future items to be considered by the Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd. 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

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Cllr Richard Biggs – Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets, and Economic Growth

Cllr Steve Robinson – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

Cllr Gill Taylor – Cabinet Member for Health and Housing

Cllr Ben Wilson – Cabinet Member for Corporate Development and Transformation

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
March 2026				
Dorset Council Delegated Decisions (as required) Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To note any decisions taken under delegation.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date 23 Mar 2026	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i>
Dorset Council Organisational Update Key Decision - No Public Access - Part exempt To present the developments on the part of the Council relevant to Care Dorset.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date 23 Mar 2026	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>
Care Dorset Update Key Decision - No Public Access - Part exempt To provide an update for shareholder members on matters relating to Care Dorset.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date 23 Mar 2026	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Managing Director, Care Dorset Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
Care Dorset Annual Business Plan Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt For the Shareholder Committee to consider progress in delivering the 5 year business plan, and any review of the plan as necessary.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date 23 Mar 2026	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Managing Director, Care Dorset Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i>
Remuneration Policy 2026-29 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt Care Dorset Remuneration Policy for 2026-29	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date 23 Mar 2026	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Managing Director, Care Dorset Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i>
Chair of the Board - tenure for a further 3 years until June 2029 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open Supporting paper for the Shareholder to endorse the continued tenure of the Chair of the Board for a further 3 years until June 2029.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date 23 Mar 2026	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Senior Independent Director & Chair of the Remuneration & Nominations Committee, Care Dorset Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
June 2026				

Dorset Council Delegated Decisions (as required) Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To note any decisions taken under delegation.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date 29 Jun 2026	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i>
Dorset Council Organisational Update Key Decision - No Public Access - Part exempt To present the developments on the part of the Council relevant to Care Dorset.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date 29 Jun 2026	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>
Care Dorset Update Key Decision - No Public Access - Part exempt To provide an update for shareholder members on matters relating to Care Dorset.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date 29 Jun 2026	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Managing Director, Care Dorset Executive Director, People - Adults (Jonathan Price)</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
Review of Terms of Reference Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To note the shareholder committee terms of reference.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date 29 Jun 2026	Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	<i>Grace Evans, Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer</i> <i>grace.evans@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i>
Care Dorset Annual Performance Report Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the Care Dorset Annual Performance Report.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date 29 Jun 2026	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Managing Director, Care Dorset</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults</i> <i>(Jonathan Price)</i>
Annual report and Year end accounts Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To receive the annual financial report.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date 29 Jun 2026	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Managing Director, Care Dorset</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults</i> <i>(Jonathan Price)</i>
Trading Company proposal Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt Proposal to establish a new trading company.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date 29 Jun 2026	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Managing Director, Care Dorset</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults</i> <i>(Jonathan Price)</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
Annual Reports				
Care Dorset Annual Business Plan (March) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt For the Shareholder Committee to consider progress in delivering the 5 year business plan, and any review of the plan as necessary.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date March	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Managing Director, Care Dorset</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults</i> <i>(Jonathan Price)</i>
Review of Terms of Reference (June) Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To note the shareholder committee terms of reference.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date June	Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	<i>Grace Evans, Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer</i> <i>grace.evans@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i>
Care Dorset Annual Performance Report (June) Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the Care Dorset Annual Performance Report.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date June	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Managing Director, Care Dorset</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults</i> <i>(Jonathan Price)</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
Annual report and Year end accounts (June) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To receive the annual financial report.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Care Dorset Holdings Ltd	Decision Date June	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	<i>Managing Director, Care Dorset</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults</i> <i>(Jonathan Price)</i>

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Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Innovation Park Ltd Forward Plan - March to July 2026 (Publication date – 12 MARCH 2026)

Explanatory Note:

This Forward Plan contains future items to be considered by the Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Innovation Park Ltd. 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.

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Committee Membership 2025/26

Cllr Nick Ireland – Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding

Cllr Richard Biggs – Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets, and Economic Growth

Cllr Shane Bartlett – Cabinet Member for Planning and Emergency Planning

Cllr Simon Clifford – Cabinet Member for Finance and Capital Strategy

Cllr Ben Wilson – Cabinet Member for Corporate Development and Transformation

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
March 2026				

Dorset Innovation Park Board Composition Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To confirm the appointment of a Chair for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd and consider the board composition.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date 23 Mar 2026	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Nick Webster, Head of Growth and Regeneration</i> <i>nicholas.webster@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
April 2026				

Managing Director's report Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider a report of the Managing Director – Dorset Innovation Park Ltd.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date 13 Apr 2026	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Managing Director – Dorset Innovation Park Ltd</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
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Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
Dorset Council Officer update Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To receive a report of the Head of Growth and Economic Regeneration.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date 13 Apr 2026	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Nick Webster, Head of Growth and Regeneration</i> <i>nicholas.webster@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Support contract and Services Contract Key Decision - No Public Access - Part exempt To update the committee on progress towards finalising the Support Contract and Services Contract between Dorset Council and Dorset Innovation Park Ltd.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date 13 Apr 2026	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Nick Webster, Head of Growth and Regeneration</i> <i>nicholas.webster@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Dorset Innovation Park Aged Debt Position Key Decision - No Public Access - Fully exempt A report on the current position regarding aged debt owed to the council by occupants of the Dorset Innovation Park.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date 13 Apr 2026	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Nick Webster, Head of Growth and Regeneration</i> <i>nicholas.webster@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
July 2026				
Managing Director's report Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider a report of the Managing Director – Dorset Innovation Park Ltd.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date 14 Jul 2026	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Managing Director – Dorset Innovation Park Ltd</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Dorset Council Officer update Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To receive a report of the Head of Growth and Economic Regeneration.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date 14 Jul 2026	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Nick Webster, Head of Growth and Regeneration</i> <i>nicholas.webster@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Review of Terms of Reference Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To note the shareholder committee terms of reference.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date 14 Jul 2026	Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	<i>Grace Evans, Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer</i> <i>grace.evans@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
Annual items				
Dorset Innovation Park Ltd Business Plan (January) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt To agree the Dorset Innovation Park Ltd Business Plan for the year ahead.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date January	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Managing Director – Dorset Innovation Park Ltd</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Dorset Innovation Park Annual Report (April) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To agree the annual report for the past year.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date April	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Managing Director – Dorset Innovation Park Ltd</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Review of Terms of Reference (July) Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To note the shareholder committee terms of reference.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date July	Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	<i>Grace Evans, Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer</i> <i>grace.evans@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
Dorset Innovation Park Ltd (November) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt To outline the emerging Dorset Innovation Park Ltd Business Plan for the coming year.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date November	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Managing Director – Dorset Innovation Park Ltd</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>

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The Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE) Forward Plan February to June 2026 (Publication date – 5 FEBRUARY 2026)

Explanatory Note:

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Cllr Ryan Hope – Cabinet Member for Customer, Culture and Community Engagement

Cllr Clare Sutton – Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education & Skills

Cllr Gill Taylor – Cabinet Member for Health and Housing

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
March 2026				

Dorset Council Delegated Decisions (if required) Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To note any decisions taken under delegation.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE)	Decision Date 9 Mar 2026	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i>
Dorset Council Commissioner's Report Key Decision - No Public Access - Part exempt To provide an overview of the current position in relation to delivery by the Dorset Centre of Excellence against the commissioning agreement.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE)	Decision Date 9 Mar 2026	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>Ross Bowell, Head of Service - Health, Education & SEND Commissioning ross.bowell@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i>
DCoE - Report of the Chair of the Board Key Decision - No Public Access - Part exempt To provide an update of the	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE)	Decision Date 9 Mar 2026	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>Chair, Dorset Centre of Excellence Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
current situation at the Dorset Centre of Excellence and the Coombe House School, including progress made in relation to governance, leadership, staffing, estate, community use and finance.				
June 2026				

Dorset Council Delegated Decisions (if required) Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To note any decisions taken under delegation.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE)	Decision Date tbc	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i>
Dorset Council Commissioner's Report Key Decision - No Public Access - Part exempt To provide an overview of the current position in relation to delivery by the Dorset Centre of Excellence against the commissioning agreement.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE)	Decision Date tbc	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>Ross Bowell, Head of Service - Health, Education & SEND Commissioning ross.bowell@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i>

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
DCE - Report of the Chair of the Board Key Decision - No Public Access - Part exempt To provide an update of the current situation at the Dorset Centre of Excellence and the Coombe House School, including progress made in relation to governance, leadership, staffing, estate, community use and finance.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCE)	Decision Date tbc	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>Chair, Dorset Centre of Excellence Executive Director, People - Children (Paul Dempsey)</i>
Review of Terms of Reference Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To note the shareholder committee terms of reference.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCE)	Decision Date tbc	Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	<i>Grace Evans, Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer grace.evans@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i>
Annual Reports				

Review of Terms of Reference (June) Key Decision - No Public Access - Open	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCE)	Decision Date June	Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	<i>Grace Evans, Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer grace.evans@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i>
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Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
To note the shareholder committee terms of reference.				
Annual Performance Report (December) Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the Coombe House Annual Performance Report.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Centre of Excellence (DCOE)	Decision Date December	Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills	<i>Chair, Dorset Centre of Excellence</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children</i> <i>(Paul Dempsey)</i>

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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.