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# DECISIONS OF THE SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE FOR DORSET INNOVATION PARK LTD 23 MARCH 2026

The following decisions were made by the Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Innovation Park Ltd on 23 March 2026 and will come into force and may be implemented on 1 April 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 **31 March 2026.**

The full call-in procedure is set out in the Constitution or for further information and advice please telephone Lindsey Watson on 01305 252209

## 5 DORSET INNOVATION PARK BOARD COMPOSITION

That the Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Innovation Park Ltd:

1. Formally ratify the choice of Cecilia Bufton as the Dorset Innovation Park Ltd Chair for an initial period of 12 months

2. Approve the re-appointment of Mark Ovens as a Non-Executive Director of Dorset Innovation Park Ltd.

**Reason for the decision**

Dorset Innovation Park Ltd (the Company) has been established as an “arms length” company of Dorset Council to take on the management and operation of the Dorset Innovation Park (DIP). An external Board of Directors has been appointed to oversee the management of the Company. In February 2026 the Chair of the Company resigned their position and the Shareholder approved the commencement of an appointment process for a new Chair. That process has secured Cecilia Bufton as the new Chair of the Company and this appointment has been confirmed by the Leader of the Council. The Shareholder Committee is now asked to formally ratify this decision.

In addition, the Company Managing Director has requested that the Shareholder consider the reappointment of Mark Ovens to the Company Board as a Non-Executive Director.