



The Cabinet Forward Plan - February to May 2023

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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.

Cabinet Portfolio Holders 2021/22

Spencer Flower	Leader / Governance, Performance and Communications
Peter Wharf	Deputy Leader / Adult Social Care and Health
Gary Suttle	Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy
Ray Bryan	Highways, Travel and Environment
Graham Carr-Jones	Housing and Community Safety
Jill Haynes	Corporate Development and Transformation
Laura Beddow	Culture, Communities and Customer Services
Andrew Parry	Children, Education, Skills and Early Help
Tony Ferrari	Economic Growth, Assets & Property
David Walsh	Planning

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
February					
<p>Commissioning Strategies for Adult Social Care</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To adopt final versions of the suite of commissioning strategies to form the basis of the Council's priorities under the portfolio for the coming five years.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Feb 2023</p>	<p>People and Health Overview Committee 19 Dec 2022</p>	<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health</p>	<p><i>Jonathan Price, Interim Corporate Director for Commissioning</i> <i>jonathan.price@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults</i></p>
<p>Update on Children in Care Strategy and Plan</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To review a proposal to increase fees for foster carers to ensure the offer of Dorset Council is comparative to neighbouring authorities and recognises the work that out foster carers do for our children.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Feb 2023</p>	<p>People and Health Overview Committee 31 Jan 2023</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills and Early Help</p>	<p><i>Louise Drury, Head of Service Children in Care and Care Leavers</i> <i>louise.drury@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i></p>
<p>Procurement Forward Plan Report - over £500K (2023-24)</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Cabinet is required to approve all key decisions with financial consequences of £50K or more.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Feb 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Dawn Adams, Service Manager for Commercial and Procurement</i> <i>dawn.adams@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>

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<p>Charging Ahead: Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Programme</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To request procurement of installation services valued at £4m To request delegated decision-making authority for the Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Board</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Feb 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment</p>	<p><i>Christopher Whitehouse, Transport Project Officer christopher.whitehouse@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>Dorset Council - Determination of School Admissions Arrangements 2024 - 25</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Statutory requirement for an annual determination of the Council's School Admissions Arrangements.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Feb 2023</p>	<p>People and Health Overview Committee 31 Jan 2023</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills and Early Help</p>	<p><i>Ed Denham, School Admissions Manager ed.denham@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i></p>
<p>Data and Business Intelligence Strategy</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Agreement for taking forward the Data and Business Intelligence Strategy as an organisation.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Feb 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Transformation</p>	<p><i>Deborah Smart, Corporate Director – Transformation, Innovation and Digital deborah.smart@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>

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<p>National Planning Policy Consultation Response</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To agree Dorset Council's response to the consultation on changes to National Planning Policy.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Feb 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Planning</p>	<p><i>Terry Sneller, Local Plan Team Leader terry.sneller@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Hilary Jordan, Service Manager for Spatial Planning hilary.jordan@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>Capital Programme Update</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Agreement to the 2023/24 Capital Programme.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Feb 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance heather.lappin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Cost of Living</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider the use of reserves for a number of initiatives that directly support Dorset's residents with the impact of the cost living challenge.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Feb 2023</p>		<p>Leader of the Council</p>	<p><i>Jennifer Lewis, Head of Strategic Communications and Engagement jennifer.lewis@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>LGA Corporate Peer Review - Follow up report</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>Following Dorset Councils initial corporate peer review by the LGA in</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Feb 2023</p>		<p>Leader of the Council</p>	<p><i>Chief Executive (Matt Prosser)</i></p>

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<p>autumn 2019, the council invited the peer review team back three years on to give them the opportunity to comment on progress that had been made or any areas that we need to look further. The team undertook a series of pre-meetings as well as a one-day site visit that generated the report from which we have taken a number of actions to take forwards and will report on delivery in line with the action plan once agreed.</p>					
<p>Consultation and Engagement Policy and Protocol</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider changes to Policy.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Feb 2023</p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 9 Feb 2023</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Culture, Communities and Customer Services</p>	<p><i>Jennifer Lewis, Head of Strategic Communications and Engagement jennifer.louis@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Laura Cornette, Business Partner - Communities and Partnerships Laura.cornette@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>Delegated authority to approve project submissions and activity through the Collaboration Agreement with the Ministry of Defence in relation to the Defence BattleLab</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Feb 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Property</p>	<p><i>Nick Webster, Head of Growth, Economy and Regeneration Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>

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<p>The council has concluded a Collaboration Agreement with the Ministry of Defence (MOD) relating to the operational delivery of the Defence BattleLab on the Dorset Innovation Park.</p>					
<p>Dorset Council Plan Priorities: One Customer Account and Digital Innovation</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To receive a report from the Portfolio Holders for Corporate Development and Transformation and for Culture, Communities and Customer Services.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Feb 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Transformation, Portfolio Holder for Culture, Communities and Customer Services</p>	<p><i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>Council tax premiums on second homes and empty properties</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>This report sets out the implications for a key element of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill; the proposed changes to allow councils to place a council tax premium on second homes and empty properties, with a number of recommendations on next steps. The aim of this draft legislation is primarily aimed to allow councils to raise additional revenue and to acknowledge the impact that second (and empty) homes can have on some communities. If the Bill receives</p>	<p>Decision Maker Dorset Council</p>	<p>Decision Date 30 Mar 2023</p>	<p>Cabinet Place and Resources Overview Committee 28 Feb 2023 9 Feb 2023</p>	<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health</p>	<p><i>Steven Ford, Corporate Director for Climate and Ecological Sustainability Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>

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<p>royal assent, these options will become available to billing authorities with effect from 1 April 2024 at the earliest. All councils wishing to engage with this proposed legislation will need to have taken some form of council resolution at least 12 months prior to the financial year in which the changes will come into effect.</p>					
<p>The Proposed Sale of the former Bere Regis Primary School, Rye Hill, BH20 7LP</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt</p> <p>To dispose of the site formerly known as Bere Regis Primary School.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Feb 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Property</p>	<p><i>Tim Hulme, Head of Service Property Management tim.hulme@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>Potterne Park</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt</p> <p>Negotiations in respect of a Council owned asset.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Feb 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Property</p>	<p><i>Peter Hopkins, Corporate Director - Assets and Property peter.hopkins@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>March</p>					
<p>Natural Environment, Climate and Ecological Strategy - refresh</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Mar 2023</p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 9 Feb 2023</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment</p>	<p><i>Steven Ford, Corporate Director for Climate and Ecological Sustainability Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>

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A refresh of the Climate and ecological strategy.					
<p>Dorset Council Plan Priorities: Update: County Deals/Community Safety</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To receive a report from the Portfolio Holders for Economic Growth, Assets and Property and Housing and Community Safety.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Mar 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Property, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety</p>	<p><i>Andrew Billany, Corporate Director of Housing andrew.billany@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults</i></p>
<p>Planning for Climate Change: Interim Guidance and Position Statement Sustainability Checklist and Listed Buildings Guidance</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To present three documents that have been prepared in relation to planning for the climate emergency. The Interim Position and Guidance Statement has been prepared to clarify existing planning policy requirements and to provide guidance to decision-makers on the weight to be attributed to climate in relation to planning applications for new built development and renewable energy schemes. It also sets out what the council expects from planning applications. A sustainability checklist has been prepared to provide</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 28 Mar 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Planning</p>	<p><i>Mike Garrity, Head of Planning mike.garrity@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>

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<p>guidance on the information to be included with submitted sustainability statements and to encourage best practice.</p> <p>A guidance document has also been prepared to give advice on works that may be able to be undertaken to improve the energy efficiency of listed buildings.</p> <p>The report seeks the views of Overview committee and endorsement by Cabinet.</p>					
April					

<p>Dorset Council Plan Priorities Update: Housing for Local People</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To receive a report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 25 Apr 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety</p>	<p><i>Andrew Billany, Corporate Director of Housing andrew.billany@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p>Dorset Council Plan Priorities Update: Working with the Integrated Care System</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To receive a report of the Portfolio Holder for Social Care and Health.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 25 Apr 2023</p>		<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health</p>	<p><i>Executive Director, People - Adults</i></p>

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<p>Youth Justice Service Inspection</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>To have oversight of the inspection report and of the action plan to address the report's recommendation.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 25 Apr 2023</p>	<p>People and Health Overview Committee 21 Mar 2023</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills and Early Help</p>	<p><i>David Webb, Manager - Dorset Combined Youth Justice Service david.webb@bcpcouncil.gov.uk, Paul Dempsey, Corporate Director - Care & Protection Tel: 01305 224513 paul.dempsey@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i></p>
<p>May</p>					
<p>Dorset Council Plan Priorities Update: Value for Money (Unitary Council Benefits)</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To receive a report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy.</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 16 May 2023</p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p>June</p>					
<p>Library Strategy</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p>	<p>Decision Maker Cabinet</p>	<p>Decision Date 20 Jun 2023</p>	<p>Joint Overview Committee</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Culture, Communities and Customer Services</p>	<p><i>Elizabeth Crocker Elizabeth.Crocker1@dorsetcc.gov.uk, Kate Turner, Service Manager for Libraries</i></p>

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The proposed library strategy is in the process of going through the second phase of consultation.					<i>kate.turner@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i>
<p>Finance Report - Outturn 2022/2023</p> <p>Key Decision - No Public Access - Open</p> <p>To consider the Council's performance against its revenue budget in 2021/22 and the impact this has upon reserves, including the general fund.</p>	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 20 Jun 2023		Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy	<i>Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance heather.lappin@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i>
September					

<p>Additional Procurement Forward Plan 2023-24 and incorporating the refresh of the annual Modern Slavery Transparency Statement</p> <p>Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open</p> <p>Additional Procurement Forward Plan: Cabinet is required to approve all key decisions with financial consequences of £500k or more. This report will also incorporate the annual refresh of the Modern Slavery Transparency Statement for Cabinet's agreements.</p>	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date		Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Transformation	<i>Dawn Adams, Service Manager for Commercial and Procurement dawn.adams@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i>
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Private/Exempt Items for Decision

Each item in the plan above marked as 'private' will refer to one of the following paragraphs.

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
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.