

People and Health Scrutiny Committee - 2 November 2020

Responses Given to Public Questions and Swanage Town Council

The withdrawal of the Swanage Paramedic Car

Response

It is the Committees understanding that the CCG has already written to Swanage Town Council confirming its intention to engage with them prior to any decisions being taken on the Purbeck car service. Unfortunately, the Covid 19 pandemic continues to be the main focus of attention for our national and local NHS, which has delayed further work on the Purbeck car service. It is the Committees understanding that in the meantime the service remains in place.

The Committee's Agenda and Forward Plan

Response

The People and Health Scrutiny Committee is a new committee which was formed at the Dorset Council AGM on 3rd September 2020. This new committee performs the Council's statutory functions in relation to education matters and in relation to health scrutiny as well as having a remit as a critical friend in matters relating to the People Directorate of Dorset Council. There remains a substantial amount of work to be done to get this Committee to where I would like it to be. However this Committee is under no obligation to honour any commitments from any of its predecessor committees. Going forward in the current situation the key issues for our health partners and Dorset Council are the Covid pandemic, the winter flu season and the budget issues of Dorset Council and this is where this Committee's focus will be. This Committee has limited capacity and while I am happy to retain the requested items on the forward plan as 'items to be scheduled' I am not in a position to be able to give any assurances as to the date they will come before this committee.