

**Call To Account – Councillor Dave Rickard**

I wish the Call to Account to address the perfunctory manner with which the West Dorset Assets report was discussed and dealt with.

Much detailed work had been undertaken by officers and councillors to return appropriate public assets to the communities of origin to enable local services to be funded in perpetuity at a local level, thus satisfying key elements of the Local Communities Act.

The benefits of the transfers to local communities and recognising the benefits of removing the liabilities of those assets and services from the new Unitary Authority were completely ignored by the Scrutiny Committee and its Chair.