

Shadow Dorset Council

Date of Meeting	Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 3 January 2019
Officer	Lee Ellis – Scrutiny Officer (Christchurch and East Dorset Council)
Subject of Report	Call To Account – Transfer of Assets
Executive Summary	To undertake a Call to Account as agreed by the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the meeting on 7 November 2018.
	<p>Equalities Impact Assessment: Not Applicable</p> <p>Use of Evidence: Not Applicable</p> <p>Budget: Not Applicable</p> <p>Risk Assessment: Not Applicable</p> <p>Other Implications: Not Applicable</p>
Recommendation	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee either:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agree with the evidence provided by Members and Officers during the Call to Account; or b. Do not agree with the evidence provided by Members and Officers during the Call To Account c. The recommendation of the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee, along with the reasons for its recommendation will be forwarded to the next available meeting of the Shadow Executive Committee.

Reason for Recommendation	To provide clarity on the decision of the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Appendices	<p>Appendix 1 Extract from minutes of the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7 November 2018 with regard to the decision to undertake a Call to Account</p> <p>Appendix 2 Key lines of enquiry</p> <p>Appendix 3 Transfer of assets to town and parish councils principles agreed by the Shadow Executive Committee on 20 July 2018</p> <p>Appendix 4 Statement received from Councillors Keith Day, Dave Rickard and David Harris, Verwood Town Council and Bridport Town Council.</p>
Background Papers	Published Works
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1. Call To Account – Transfer of Services and Assets

1.1 At the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7 November 2018, the committee considered a potential Call to Account in respect of issues around the transfer of services and assets. Following this discussion the committee resolved the following:

“That a Call to Account with regard to the transfer of assets to town and parish councils be supported and considered at the next meeting of the committee in December. The Leader, relevant Portfolio Holders and Interim Monitoring Officer and S151 Officer to be asked to attend the meeting.”

1.2 In accordance with the Shadow Dorset Council Constitution (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, paragraph 7 – Shadow Councillors and Officers giving account) the committee require the attendance of the Leader of the Shadow Dorset Council at this meeting, and any relevant Portfolio Holders in relation to property and assets, finance and communities, who have a relevant involvement in this subject.

1.3 The committee also request through the Chief Executive (Designate), the attendance of the Interim Monitoring Officer and Interim S151 Officer.

1.4 Notification of the meeting has been sent to all Shadow Dorset councillors, who are asked to liaise with their local town and parish councils as relevant.

1.5 The following documents are attached:

- Extract from minutes of the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7 November 2018 with regard to the decision to undertake a Call to Account
- Key lines of enquiry
- Transfer of assets to town and parish councils principles agreed by the Shadow Executive Committee on 20 July 2018
- Statement received from Councillors Keith Day, Dave Rickard and David Harris, Verwood Town Council and Bridport Town Council

1.6 Any further statements received following the publication of the agenda, will be circulated to members separately.

1.7 Following the evidence provided by Members and Officers, the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee will need to decide the following:

- a. That they agree with the evidence provided by Members and Officers during the Call to Account; or
- b. That they do not agree with the evidence provided by Members and Officers during the Call To Account

1.8 The recommendation of the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee, along with the reasons for its recommendation will be forwarded to the next available meeting of the Shadow Executive Committee.