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**DECISIONS OF THE CABINET  
22 JUNE 2021**

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on xx and will come into force and may be implemented on 1 July 2021 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 30 June 2021.

The full call-in procedure is set out in the Constitution or for further information and advice please telephone Kate Critchel on 01305 252234

## **6 COVID - 19 RESPONSE**

### Decision

- (a) That the continued Covid-19 emergency response be noted in relation to the organisational and incident recovery.
- (b) That the recovery plan be progressed as directed by the Local Resilience Forum, with input from the council's Overview Committees
- (c) That the Dorset Council Plan be reviewed and refreshed in light of the learning from Covid-19 and the revised aims of the council.

### Reason for the decision

To ensure that Cabinet is able to lead and remain assured of the way that the response and recovery from Covid-19 is progressing and is able to respond effectively to the changing needs of Dorset residents during the Covid-19 pandemic.

## **7 FINANCE REPORT - OUTTURN 2020/21**

### Decision

[Executive Decision Notice - Finance report - Outturn 2020/21 - Dorset Council](#)

### Reason for decision

At its Annual Meeting, Council decided to continue to meet virtually for all non-executive committees. The Leader of the Council also decided that Cabinet should continue to meet virtually until social distancing requirements had been removed. Therefore, the Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services has made this decision taking into account the views expressed by the wider cabinet membership.

Although this report does not seek formal approval from Cabinet for the reported outturn, the performance for the previous year is an important part of the financial management process as it marks the start of the medium-term financial planning (MTFP) and budget strategy process for 2022/23. In addition to reporting outturn, with the financial performance for the year materially complete, it is important for Cabinet to review the risks the organisation now faces and the areas where it wishes to make strategic investments and to repurpose and prioritise its reserves to facilitate these aims.

## **8 DORSET COUNCIL PLAN: QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

That the progress against the Council Plan priorities as shown in appendix 1, be received and noted.

### Reason

To ensure progress towards the Council Plan is measured and monitored.

## **9 DORSET CARE, SUPPORT, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FRAMEWORK**

Decision

[Executive Decision Notice - Dorset Care, Support, Housing and Community Safety Framework - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for the decision

At its Annual Meeting, Council decided to continue to meet virtually for all non-executive committees. The Leader of the Council also decided that Cabinet should continue to meet virtually until social distancing requirements had been removed. Therefore, the Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services has made this decision taking into account the views expressed by the wider cabinet membership.

A new Framework is required as the current Dorset Care Framework for Older People expires on 30 November 2022 and the Dorset Care Framework for Learning Disabilities needs a refresh to include Mental Health provision. By putting in place one Framework for all service user groups there is greater clarity for the market. The aim is to have the Framework in place by the autumn of 2021.

The Framework will be established by utilising the flexibilities of what is the Light Touch Regime under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 which allows Public Sector Bodies, in terms of health and social care, to adapt / innovate procurement and contracting models to best meet the service requirements.

The Framework will be in place for up to 10 years and will enable providers to join at any time (as long as specific criteria is met) instead of fixed opening periods (as is the case with the existing Frameworks).

The proposed new Framework tool is key to delivery of flexible contracting with all sectors of the provider market, including micro enterprises.

Feedback from existing providers is that our current Framework is difficult to enter primarily because it only facilitates new agencies joining at set times. The proposed new Framework will address this issue as it will be open.

The proposed new Framework is a timely as it will offer several opportunities to innovate the care and support market to better meet key legislative, Corporate and Directorate priorities

## **10 ARNE, BLANDFORD+, CHICKERELL, MILTON ABBAS, PORTLAND, PUDDLETOWN AND SHAFESBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Decision

[Executive Decision Notice - Arne, Blandford +, Chickerell, Milton Abbas,Portland, Puddletown and Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plans - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for the decision

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Holder for Customer and Community Services has made this decision taking into account the views expressed by the wider cabinet membership.

To formally make the neighbourhood plan part of the statutory development plan for the areas that they cover. Furthermore, to correct errors relating to the maps in the Blandford + and Chickerell Neighbourhood Plan. In addition, to recognise the significant amount of work undertaken by the Town and Parish Councils involved and members of each of the Neighbourhood Plan Groups in preparing the plans and to congratulate the Councils and Groups on their success.

#### **11 LOW CARBON DORSET GRANT PAYMENTS OVER £5000,000**

This report was deferred.

#### **12 WEYMOUTH HARBOUR AND ESPLANADE FLOOD AND COASTAL RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC OUTLINE CASE**

Decision

[Executive Decision Notice - Weymouth Harbour & Esplanade Flood and Coastal Risk Management Strategic Outline Case - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for the decision

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Weymouth Town Centre and parts of the surrounding area are at risk of flooding and coastal erosion. With a projected acceleration in sea level rise and more intense weather events because of climate change, the problems facing Weymouth will increase significantly.

#### **14 MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL OWNED TREE POLICY**

Decision

[Executive Decision Notice - Management of Council Owned Trees - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for the decision

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Dorset Council owns and is responsible for approx. 250,000 trees which will be managed against this Policy. The Policy builds upon and combines existing tree policies from the

predecessor district and county authorities, and has been written with input and advice from the Health and Safety Executive reflecting the legal obligations of Dorset Council to manage its Tree stock e.g. Occupiers Liability Act 1984 and Highways Act 1980.

## **15 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING POLICY**

Decision

[Executive Decision Notice - Street Naming and Numbering Policy - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for decision

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The recommended options provides the opportunity for harmonisation, cost and administration efficiencies and reduced risk.

## **20 LEARNING DISABILITY AND MENTAL HEALTH NON FRAMEWORK CONTRACTS**

Decision

[Executive Decision Notice - Learning Disability and Mental Health Non Framework Contracts - Dorset Council](#)

Reason for decision

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To ensure a purchasing and contracting system to enable a range of specialist learning disability providers to offer care and support at agree rates.