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**DECISIONS OF THE CABINET
27 JULY 2021**

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on 27 July 2021 and will come into force and may be implemented on 5 August 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 **4 August 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 DORSET COUNCIL BUDGET QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - Q1

Cabinet noted: -

- (a) the Senior Leadership Team's forecast of outturn for the Council at the end of Qtr1 including progress of the transformation and tactical savings incorporated into the budget.
- (b) the size of the capital programme for 2021/22 including the slippage from previous years and the work taking place to review this position.
- (c) the opening position for the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) refresh and the budget timetable headlines.
- (d) the budget movements (virements) as set out within report.

7 LOW CARBON DORSET GRANT PAYMENTS OVER £500,000

Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment

- (a) That Low Carbon Dorset can issue a grant award letter for £1,500,000 to the Canford Renewable Energy project that has been approved by the Low Carbon Dorset Grants Panel and Board, given that the value is over the £500,000 threshold for Executive Director decision, be agreed
- (b) That, following any future decision by the Low Carbon Dorset grants panel and board to award grants over the key decision threshold of £500k, agreement to make any such award be delegated to the Executive Director for Place after consultation with the relevant portfolio holders. Any use of this proposed recommendation would be exercised transparently, being publicised in advance in the forward plan and afterwards in decision notices published on the Council's website.

[Decision - Low Carbon Dorset Grant payments Over £500,000 - Dorset Council \(wdwp.local\)](http://www.wdwp.local)

Reason for the Decision:

The Low Carbon Dorset grant fund and the method by which grants are paid out by Dorset Council and claimed back from the European Regional Development Fund has already been agreed by the predecessor Dorset County Council Cabinet. When the Low Carbon Dorset programme is successfully completed it will be cost neutral to Dorset Council. However, Cabinet is required to approve all key decisions with financial consequences of £500,000 or more.

8 OFFICER DELEGATION DECISION FOR PROCUREMENT OF GIGABIT HUB CONNECTIVITY IN RURAL DORSET (GHCIRD)

Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Change

- (a) That the decision for contract award, following conclusion of the procurement process, be delegated to Cllr Peter Wharf as Portfolio Holder, after consultation with Aidan Dunn, Executive Director – Corporate Development.
- (b) That the decision to enter into the necessary subsequent grant agreements with Building Digital UK (BDUK), which is part of the Department for Digital, Culture Media and Sports (DCMS) to delivery this programme of activity, be agreed and delegated to Cllr Peter Wharf as Portfolio Holder, after consultation with Aidan Dunn, Executive Director – Corporate Development.

[Decision - Officer delegated decision for procurement of Gigabit Hub Connectivity in Rural Dorset \(GHCIRD - Dorset Council \(wdwp.local\)\)](#)

Reason for the decision:

To enable the GHCiRD (BDUK) project to complete due diligence, grant agreement, contract award and finalisation which will facilitate the quickest possible deployment by December 2022

9 ASSET TRANSFER POLICY

Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Property

- (a) That the Asset Transfer Policy relating to the transfer of Council owned property assets of both Low and High Value to Town & Parish Councils together with Voluntary and Community based (third sector) organisations, be agreed
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Property and the Portfolio Holder for Customer Services & Communities when acting in agreement with each other the authority to determine and approve all such transfers including those decisions that amount to key decisions.

Prior notice will be given in the forward plan for any proposal relating to a transfer amounting to a key decision albeit that the two portfolio holders are identified as the decision makers instead of Cabinet.

[Decision - Asset Transfer Policy - Dorset Council \(wdwp.local\)](#)

Reason for the decision:

Dorset Council recognises that the devolution of assets to local communities, particularly to town and parish councils and voluntary and community based organisations (third

sector) can make a significant contribution to enabling them to be stronger, more resilient and sustainable in order to support services within their local areas.

10 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME UPDATE

Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Planning

- (a) That the revised timetable for the production of the Dorset Council Local Plan within the Local Development Scheme, be acknowledged and
- (b) This would come into effect as of the date of this meeting.

Reason for the decision:

To enable the publication of the updated Local Development Scheme to outline the revised timetable for the production of the Dorset Council Local Plan as required by section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)

11 DORSET COUNCIL HOMELESSNESS & ROUGH SLEEPER STRATEGY

- (a) That the adoption of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2021 - 2026 2, be approved.
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Portfolio holder for Housing and Community Safety to make minor amendments to the strategy and action plan and any amendments necessary to reflect legislative change.

[Decision - Dorset Council Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2021 - 2026 - Dorset Council \(wdwp.local\)](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/your-council-homelessness-and-rough-sleeping-strategy-2021-2026)

Reason for the decision:

To ensure Dorset Council has a legally compliant Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy that meets our responsibility for tackling and preventing homelessness

12 SEND CAPITAL STRATEGY - BEAUCROFT SCHOOL EXPANSION

Decision of the Portfolio Holder of Children, Education, Skills and Early Help

- (a) Support the use of the former Wimborne First School site, in School Lane Wimborne, to increase the capacity of Beaucroft School to create additional specialist provision for Dorset children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).
- (b) That the budget allocation as set out in Appendix 3 to enable the project to be delivered, be approved and authority be delegated to the Executive Director for People – Children to enter into a construction contract at the appropriate time, in line with an existing delegation, subject to the outcome of the formal consultation

process and provided the project is within the set budget level.

- (c) That the commencement of the required 4 week formal consultation period, in consultation with the Governors of Beacroft School to formally expand the capacity of the Beacroft Foundation School by more than 10% or 20 places, at the appropriate time, be agreed.
- (d) That a report will be brought back to Cabinet for a decision on the formal expansion of the school following the consultation process.
- (e) To lease the former Wimborne First School site to the Governors of Beacroft School for use as post 16 provision on terms to be agreed by the Executive Director of Place, noting that further legal advice is being sought on this matter.

[Decision - SEND Capital Strategy: Expansion of Beacroft School - Dorset Council \(wdwp.local\)](#)

Reason for the decision:

To support the delivery of this project as part of the Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Capital Strategy 2020 – 2025 which was approved by Dorset Council Cabinet at its meeting on 8th December 2020.

18 LAND SALES AND FUTURE PROCESS AT DORSET INNOVATION

Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Property

- (a) That the leasehold transaction as set out in the report be approved
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets & Property after consultation with the Executive Director for Place responsibility for agreeing the final terms of the sale
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Portfolio Holder of Economic Growth, Assets & Property in consultation with Executive Director for Place, the authority to approve future land sales at Dorset Innovation Park up to a value of £2m.

[Decision - Land Sales and Future Process at Dorset Innovation Park - Dorset Council \(wdwp.local\)](#)

Reason for decision:

To facilitate land sales on Dorset Innovation Park in order to bring significant third-party investment to the park through the development of new high technology engineering facilities, thereby, satisfying the Park's wider occupation policy and the Council's economic development aims.

19 NORTH DORSET BUSINESS PARK LAND DISPOSAL

Decision of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Assets and Property

That the conditional sale of 1.67 acres of employment land at North Dorset Business Park, Sturminster Newton be approved, in accordance with the details set out in the exempt report.

[Decision - North Dorset Business \Park Land Disposal - Dorset Council \(wdwp.local\)](#)

Reason for decision: The proposed sale of the site, if planning is granted for the proposed use, will secure a major retailer for Sturminster Newton in an area that is undersupplied at present. The sale will bring forward the development of a currently constrained brownfield site with the creation of c 40 new permanent jobs for the area.