

Shadow Executive Committee – 14 January 2019

Member Question

Question from Cllr Andrew Cattaway to the Leader of the Shadow Dorset Council in relation to the national Safe Passage “Our Turn” campaign

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“Will the Dorset Council Shadow Executive express support for Dorset County Council in its’ current collaboration with Safe Passage Dorset, and taking into account the joint PR initiative hopefully being launched next Monday 21st January to recruit fosterers, will the Shadow Executive convey that support to encourage the earliest possible meeting of the new Dorset Council after election on 2nd May also to support the targets of the national Safe Passage “Our Turn” campaign?”

Answer

On 8 November 2018 Dorset County Council received a question from Councillor Cattaway and a deputation from Safe Passage UK. As a result the County Council resolved:

“to give the strongest possible support, in principle, to joint working with Safe Passage Dorset towards pursuing the aims of the national Safe Passage campaign until next April 2019 when the new Council comes into being.”

As a Shadow Council our role is first and foremost to manage the transition of services from the existing district and county councils to the new Dorset Council. Our priority and the legal obligation we are under is to ensure that Dorset Council is safe and legal and in a position to deliver services on 1 April 2019.

Whilst the Shadow Council cannot itself make binding commitments of the sort sought by Councillor Cattaway our officers will draw to the attention of the relevant lead members in the new Council the request to include the aims of the Safe Passage “our turn” campaign on the agenda of the earliest possible meeting.