

**People and Health Overview Committee
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Place and Resources Overview Committee
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Updated Dorset Council Plan

For Review and Consultation

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Recommendation: That the Overview Committees make any final comments on the draft Council Plan before it goes to Cabinet on 5 October 2021.

Reason for Recommendation: To ensure the Overview Committees play a key role in updating the Council Plan in their policy advisory capacities.

1. Executive Summary

Following the Covid-19 Pandemic, Cabinet decided that it needed to update the Council Plan to reflect what we have learnt and what has changed as a result. Cabinet asked the Overview Committees to feed into that update.

On 26 July 2021 members of the Overview Committees held a joint informal workshop to review the draft Council Plan, with a specific focus on Covid-19

recovery. Appendix 1 shows the output of that discussion. Changes are highlighted in yellow.

At this meeting members also discussed the name of the plan, and whether it should be changed. Suggestions put forward were:

- Dorset Forward
- Future Dorset
- Dorset Council Corporate Plan
- Dorset Council's Corporate Priorities

The Corporate Communications Team has advised that 'Dorset Council Plan' remains the most accurate title and is the wording commonly used by local authorities. Abstract titles including 'Future Dorset' and 'Dorset Forward' run the risk of causing confusion. That said, officers recognise there has been some confusion between this council plan and the local plan, which is a planning document.

Members are asked to discuss this again. Comments and suggestions will be passed to Cabinet for discussion on 5 October.

Once the wording of the Plan has been agreed, colleagues in Graphic Design will produce a designed version. A summary 'plan on a page' version will also be produced alongside the final version of the plan once agreed by Cabinet.

2. Financial Implications

The council's medium term financial plan and the budgets reflect the priorities set out in the Dorset Council Plan.

3. Well-being and Health Implications

The plan has been updated to reflect the impact of Covid-19 on Dorset's residents and visitors. *Strong and healthy communities* and *staying safe and well* remain two of Dorset's key priorities. Details of what we will do and how we will do it are shown in appendix 1.

4. Climate implications

Members of the Overview Committees have suggested that the climate and ecology emergency form one of the council's key priorities, now the climate and ecological strategy have been agreed by the council. Appendix 1 provides greater detail of what we will do and how we will do it.

5. Other Implications

None.

6. Risk Assessment

Having considered the risks associated with this decision, the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: Low

Residual Risk: Low

7. Equalities Impact Assessment

The Council Plan was informed by an Equalities Impact Assessment which was undertaken 2019-2020.

8. Appendices

- i. Draft Dorset Council Plan (version 2)**
- ii. Dorset Council Plan (2020/original version)**

9. Background Papers

Dorset Council Plan, Cabinet, 28 January 2020

Footnote:

Issues relating to financial, legal, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.