

# Recommendation to Cabinet – 6 September 2022

From the Place and Resources Overview Committee of  
28 July 2022

## Archaeological Fieldwork and Metal Detecting on Dorset Council Land Policy

### For Decision

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr L Beddow, Culture, Customer and Community Services and Cllr T Ferrari, Economic Growth, Assets & Property

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### Recommendation:

That the Archaeological Fieldwork and Metal Detecting on Dorset Council Land Policy be adopted subject to Cabinet taking into consideration the suggestions made by the Place and Resources Overview Committee as follows:

- Removal of the word 'amateur' from the policy and replacing it in some places with '*non-professional*'
- Including the following wording in bullet point 7 in paragraph 5.1 of the policy on safeguarding issues: '*Demonstrate awareness of health and safety measures appropriate to the activity for which permission is being requested, including safeguarding, as necessary.*'
- Including the following wording in point 3.1 of the policy on highway verges: '*This policy applies to all Dorset Council land, including highways and verges.*'

## **Reasons for Recommendation:**

The old metal detecting on Dorset Council farms policy is out of date and does not include all Dorset Council land. The revised Archaeological Fieldwork and Metal Detecting on Dorset Council Land Policy provides an updated version.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A - Report to Place and Resources Overview Committee – 28 July 2022 – Amateur Archaeological Fieldwork and Metal Detecting on Dorset Council Land Policy (*report includes appendix 1 - Archaeological Fieldwork and Metal Detecting on Dorset Council Land Policy*)

Appendix B – Extract from minutes of Place and Resources Overview Committee on 28 July 2022

## **Background papers**

[Agenda for Place and Resources Overview Committee on Thursday, 28th July, 2022, 10.00 am - Dorset Council](#)