

Place and Resources Overview Committee – DRAFT Forward Plan

Title	Description	Date of meeting	Report author	Portfolio Holder	Other meetings
Council Tax premiums on second homes and empty properties	The report sets out the implications for a key element of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill; the proposed changes to allow councils to place a council tax premium on second homes and empty properties, with a number of recommendations on next steps. The aim of this draft legislation is primarily aimed to allow councils to raise additional revenue and to acknowledge the impact that second (and empty) homes can have on some communities. If the Bill receives royal assent, these options will become available to billing authorities with effect from 1 April 2024 at the earliest. All councils wishing to engage with this proposed legislation will need to have taken some form of council	9 February 2023	Steven Ford – Corporate Director – Climate & Ecological Sustainability / Katie Hale – Head of Revenues & Benefits	Cllr Peter Wharf – Deputy Leader	Cabinet – 28 February 2023 Full Council – 30 March 2023

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	resolution at least 12 months prior to the financial year in which the changes will come into effect.				
Consultation and Engagement Policy and Protocol	To consider changes to policy	9 February 2023	Laura Cornette – Business Partner – Communities & Partnerships	Cllr Jill Haynes – Corporate Development & Transformation	Cabinet – 28 February 2023
Natural Environment, Climate and Ecology Strategy 2023-25 Refresh	A refresh of the Climate and Ecological strategy	9 February 2023	Antony Littlechild – Sustainability Team Manager	Cllr Ray Bryan - Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel & Environment	Cabinet – 28 March 2023
Planning for Climate Change: Interim Guidance and Position Statement, Sustainability Checklist and Listed Buildings Guidance	To present three documents that have been prepared in relation to planning for the climate emergency. The Interim Position and Guidance Statement has been prepared to clarify existing planning policy requirements and to provide guidance to decision-makers on the weight to be attributed to climate in relation to planning applications for new built	9 February 2023	Sara Hardy – Senior Planning Policy Officer	Cllr David Walsh - Portfolio Holder for Planning	Cabinet – 28 March 2023

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	<p>development and renewable energy schemes. It also sets out what the council expects from planning applications. A sustainability checklist has been prepared to provide guidance on the information to be included with submitted sustainability statements and to encourage best practice. A guidance document has also been prepared to give advice on works that may be able to be undertaken to improve the energy efficiency of listed buildings. The report seeks the views of Overview committee before consideration by Cabinet.</p>				

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Dorset Council's roles in ensuring better broadband and mobile coverage across Dorset	High quality fixed and mobile digital infrastructure is essential to the economy and communities in all parts of Dorset . Dorset Council plays a number of key roles in leading, facilitating and monitoring improvements to coverage. This item will enable councillors to take stock and make any necessary recommendations in relation to policy or provision.	18 April 2023	Dugald Lockhart – Service Manager Digital Place	Cllr Jill Haynes – Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development & Change	May 2023

Dates for May 2023 onwards will be set in the 2023/24 calendar of meetings to be approved by Full Council in February 2023