

Recommendation to Cabinet

28 February 2023

From Place and Resources Overview Committee on 9 February 2023

Consultation and Engagement Policy and Protocol

For Decision

Portfolio Holder: Cllr J Haynes, Corporate Development and Transformation

Local Councillor(s): All

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Recommendation:

1. That the Consultation and Engagement Policy be approved
2. That the Consultation and Engagement Protocol be adopted as a baseline standard for all consultations and engagement activity delivered to Dorset Council residents, with any minor adjustments to be authorised by the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Transformation
3. That consideration be given to the potential creation of a database of community groups and individuals that are frequently in contact with hard-to-reach groups, in order to promote consultation and engagement
4. That the Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee be asked to undertake a review of the effectiveness of the Consultation and Engagement Policy and Protocol, after 18 months of implementation.

Appendices

Appendix A - Report to Place and Resources Overview Committee – 9 February 2023 – Consultation and Engagement Policy and Protocol – includes the following appendices:

Appendix 1 - Key findings from the Discovery phase of the review

Appendix 2 - Draft Consultation and Engagement Policy

Appendix 3 - Draft Consultation and Engagement Protocol

Appendix B – Extract from minutes of Place and Resources Overview Committee on 9 February 2023

Appendix C - Consultation and Engagement Policy and Protocol – Equality Impact Assessment draft

Background papers

[Agenda for Place and Resources Overview Committee on Thursday, 9th February, 2023, 10.00 am - Dorset Council](#)