



**The Cabinet Forward Plan - July 2023 to October 2023  
For the period 1 JULY 2023 to 31 OCTOBER 2023  
(Publication date – 27 JUNE 2023)**

**Explanatory Note:**

This Forward Plan contains future items to be considered by the Cabinet and Council. It is published 28 days before the next meeting of the Committee. The plan includes items for the meeting including key decisions. Each item shows if it is 'open' to the public or to be considered in a private part of the meeting.

**Definition of Key Decisions**

Key decisions are defined in Dorset Council's Constitution as decisions of the Cabinet which are likely to -

- (a) to result in the relevant local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the relevant local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates (**Thresholds - £500k**); or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the relevant local authority."

In determining the meaning of "*significant*" for these purposes the Council will have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 9Q of the Local Government Act 2000 Act. Officers will consult with lead members to determine significance and sensitivity.

**Cabinet Portfolio Holders 2023/24**

<b>Spencer Flower</b>	Leader / Governance, Performance and Communications
<b>Gary Suttle</b>	Deputy Leader and Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy
<b>Ray Bryan</b>	Highways, Travel and Environment
<b>Jill Haynes</b>	Corporate Development and Transformation
<b>Laura Beddow</b>	Culture and Communities
<b>Simon Gibson</b>	Economic Growth and Levelling Up
<b>Andrew Parry</b>	Assets and Property
<b>Byron Quayle</b>	People – Children, Education, Skills, and Early Help
<b>Jane Somper</b>	People - Adult Social Care, Health, and Housing
<b>David Walsh</b>	Planning

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
July					
<p><b>Quarter 1 2023/24 Financial Monitoring Report</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - No</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>To consider the Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring Report 2023/24.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker</b> <b>Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date</b> <b>25 Jul 2023</b></p>		<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p><b>Library Strategy</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - Yes</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>The proposed library strategy is in the process of going through the second phase of consultation.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker</b> <b>Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date</b> <b>25 Jul 2023</b></p>	<p>Joint Overview Committee 7 Jun 2023</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities</p>	<p><i>Kate Turner, Library Strategy Manager</i> <i>kate.turner@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p><b>Adult Social Care - Reablement Hubs</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - Yes</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>To provide an update on the reablement hubs and seek assurance on future plans.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker</b> <b>Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date</b> <b>25 Jul 2023</b></p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for People - Adult Social Care, Health and Housing</p>	<p><i>Jonathan Price, Interim Corporate Director for Commissioning</i> <i>jonathan.price@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Adults</i></p>

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<p><b>A Devolution Deal for Dorset</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - Yes</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>To consider proposals for a Devolution Deal for Dorset in response to the Levelling Up White Paper in which Government has committed to offer a devolution deal to any part of England which wishes to have one.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date 25 Jul 2023</b></p>		<p>Leader of the Council</p>	<p><i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren), Jonathan Mair</i></p>
<p><b>Dorset Council Plan Priorities Update: Housing for Local People</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - No</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date 25 Jul 2023</b></p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for People - Adult Social Care, Health and Housing</p>	<p><i>Andrew Billany, Corporate Director for Housing andrew.billany@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Adults</i></p>
<p><b>Dorset Council's Digital Strategy</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - No</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>To consider a report on Dorset Council's Digital Strategy.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date 25 Jul 2023</b></p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 18 Apr 2023</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Transformation</p>	<p><i>Timothy Robertson, ICT Project Manager timothy.robertson@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Dugald Lockhart, Service Manager Digital Place dugald.lockhart@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>

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<p><b>Digital Infrastructure and Innovation Funding Competition</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - Yes</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>To seek approval for Dorset Council to be the lead partner in a funding competition from Department of Science Innovation and Technology (DSIT) and delegate decision to agree and finalise the Grant Finance Agreement with DSIT</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date 25 Jul 2023</b></p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Transformation</p>	<p><i>Dugald Lockhart, Service Manager Digital Place</i> <i>dugald.lockhart@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p><b>Outcome of Ofsted Focused Visit</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - Yes</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>To report the outcome of the Ofsted Focused Visit.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date 25 Jul 2023</b></p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for People - Children, Education, Skills and Early Help</p>	<p><i>Claire Shiels, Corporate Director - Commissioning, Quality &amp; Partnerships</i> <i>claire.shiels@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i></p>
<p><b>Sale of land at Pond Walk, Stalbridge</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - Yes</b> <b>Public Access - Part exempt</b></p> <p>1. That Cabinet approves the freehold sale, following a marketing exercise, of 1.75 acres of residential land, currently with outline planning permission at Pond Walk, subject to any agreed deductions for adverse condition matters and planning costs, conditional upon and obtaining reserved matters or a satisfactory planning consent for the site.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date 25 Jul 2023</b></p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Assets and Property</p>	<p><i>Jon Morgan, Development Manager</i> <i>jon.morgan@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>

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<p>2. That Cabinet Delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Assets &amp; Regeneration to agree any deductions and to complete the legal sale and transfer when all conditions are satisfied in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Assets and the S151 Officer.</p>					
<p><b>Large Scale Renewable Energy Scheme</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - Yes</b> <b>Public Access - Fully exempt</b></p> <p>To seek a decision from Cabinet to approve financial support for a large-scale renewable energy project in Dorset.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker</b> <b>Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date</b> <b>25 Jul 2023</b></p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment</p>	<p><i>Antony Littlechild, Sustainability Team Manager antony.littlechild@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p><b>New Approach to Engaging our Contingency Workforce</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - Yes</b> <b>Public Access - Fully exempt</b></p> <p>To present out preferred option for engaging agency workers and consultants in the future and seek agreement to enter into a Joint Venture with a partner organisation to create our own agency/broker.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker</b> <b>Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date</b> <b>25 Jul 2023</b></p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 6 Jun 2023</p> <p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 28 Jun 2023</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Development and Transformation</p>	<p><i>Chris Matthews, Interim Head of HR christopher.matthews@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>

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<p><b>Additional Procurement Forward Plan 2023-24 and incorporating the refresh of the annual Modern Slavery Transparency Statement</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - Yes</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>Additional Procurement Forward Plan: Cabinet is required to approve all key decisions with financial consequences of £500k or more. This report will also incorporate the annual refresh of the Modern Slavery Transparency Statement for Cabinet's agreements.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker</b> <b>Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date</b> <b>5 Sep 2023</b></p>		<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Dawn Adams, Service Manager for Commercial and Procurement</i> <i>dawn.adams@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p><b>Discretionary Housing Payment Policy</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - Yes</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>Our Discretionary Housing Payment policy reflects the Department for Works and Pensions formal guidance providing the administration framework associated with the application, criteria, assessment and awarding principles established to provide when applicable, some additional financial support to eligible residents.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker</b> <b>Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date</b> <b>5 Sep 2023</b></p>		<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Katie Hale, Head of Revenues and Benefits</i> <i>katie.hale@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>

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<p><b>Dorset Council Plan Priorities Update: Value for Money (Unitary Council Benefits)</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - No</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>To receive a report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date 5 Sep 2023</b></p>		<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p><b>October</b></p>					

<p><b>Families First for Children Pathfinder</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - No</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>To consider a report regarding the Families First for Children Pathfinder.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date 3 Oct 2023</b></p>	<p>People and Health Overview Committee 14 Sep 2023</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for People - Children, Education, Skills and Early Help</p>	<p><i>Paul Dempsey, Corporate Director - Care &amp; Protection Tel: 01305 224513 paul.dempsey@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, People - Children (Theresa Leavy)</i></p>
<p><b>Weymouth Regeneration - Levelling Up Funding and Approach</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - Yes</b> <b>Public Access - Part exempt</b></p> <p>To approve the proposed approach to the delivery of the Levelling Up Fund project and finances and to seek endorsement of the priorities for regeneration</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date 3 Oct 2023</b></p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth and Levelling Up</p>	<p><i>Peter Hopkins, Corporate Director - Assets and Property peter.hopkins@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Julian Wain, Strategic Place Advisor Julian.wain@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>

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<b>November</b>					
<p><b>Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order- Renewal</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - Yes</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>To agree and adopt the draft order.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date 7 Nov 2023</b></p>	<p>Place and Resources Overview Committee 5 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities</p>	<p><i>Janet Moore, Service Manager Environmental Protection</i> <i>Janet.Moore@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (John Sellgren)</i></p>
<p><b>Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring 2023/24</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - No</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>To consider the Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring Report 2023/24.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date 7 Nov 2023</b></p>		<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p><b>Our Future Council - putting our customers first</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - Yes</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>Setting out the proposed future programme.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date 7 Nov 2023</b></p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities</p>	<p><i>Lisa Cotton, Corporate Director for Customer and Cultural Services</i> <i>lisa.cotton@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i>, <i>Nina Coakley, Programme Manager</i> <i>n.coakley@dorsetcc.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn), Matt Prosser</i></p>
<b>December</b>					



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<b>January 2024</b>					
<p><b>Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring Report 2023/24</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - No</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>To consider the Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring Report 2023/24.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker</b> <b>Cabinet</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date</b> <b>30 Jan 2024</b></p>		<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>
<p><b>Budget strategy and medium-term financial plan (MTFP)</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision - Yes</b> <b>Public Access - Open</b></p> <p>To consider a report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Assets.</p>	<p><b>Decision Maker</b> <b>Dorset Council</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Date</b> <b>13 Feb 2024</b></p>	<p>Cabinet 30 Jan 2024</p> <p>People and Health Scrutiny Committee 12 Jan 2024</p> <p>Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee 17 Jan 2024</p>	<p>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy</p>	<p><i>Sean Cremer, Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer (Aidan Dunn)</i></p>

**Private/Exempt Items for Decision**

Each item in the plan above marked as 'private' will refer to one of the following paragraphs.

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the shadow council proposes:-
  - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
  - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.