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**DECISIONS OF THE CABINET  
5 SEPTEMBER 2023**

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on 5 September 2023 and will come into force and may be implemented on 14 September 2023 unless the decision is called in for scrutiny.

In accordance with the council's constitution, any six members of the same relevant Scrutiny Committee may request the Monitoring Officer to 'call-in' a decision for scrutiny. The Monitoring Officer will be provided with written notice that will identify the decision to be called-in and the ground for the call-in when the request is made. If satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the proposed call-in, the Monitoring Officer will notify the decision-maker of the call-in within 5 clear working days. The deadline for this request is 13 September 2023.

The full call-in procedure is set out in the Constitution or for further information and advice please telephone Kate Critchel on 01305 252234

## **6 PARKING CHARGES REVIEW**

That Cabinet confirms it would request Place & Resources Scrutiny Committee to review car parking charges within the context of the policy and, in particular to assess that the impact of the charges was consistent with the intentions of Cabinet when the decision was taken.

Reason for the decision

The decision was made at Full Council to debate the new charges with the view that if the evidence clearly showed a detrimental affect due to the car parking policy, then change would be recommended. Information has been gathered and presented in this report including:

The consistency of charging  
Market comparison  
Parking revenue  
Visitor numbers  
Impact on residents, businesses, and visitors

## **7 WEYMOUTH HARBOUR WALL 4 IMPROVEMENT AND STRENGTHENING**

- (a) That the proposed repair, strengthening and raising of Wall 4, in accordance with the estimate set out in section 2 of the report, to meet the Council's obligations to maintain appropriate sea defences and harbour wall requirements, be agreed.
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment, to appoint a contractor through the Highways Partnership Term Contract to undertake the work.
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Levelling Up, to approve construction related spend (following receipt of an acceptable quotation) with funds from the Levelling Up bid in terms of which £1.5m has been allocated to Wall 4 replacement.

Reason for the decision

The Weymouth Harbour Wall 4 Improvement and Strengthening project constitutes necessary work on a wall that has reached the end of life and must be reinstated or rebuilt for the Council to properly discharge its duty to the public, the harbour, and the associated coastal sea defences.

## **8 THE STOUR VALLEY - STRATEGY AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

- (a) That the Stour Valley strategy be endorsed, and that Cabinet supports it being included in the Dorset Council Local Plan.
- (b) Using a Memorandum of Understanding between its core partners of The National Trust, BCP Council and Dorset Council, that the Stour Valley partnership model be approved.

- (c) That core partners developing fund-raising bids to external grant bodies to assist delivery of the Stour Valley objectives, specifically DEFRA's Landscape Recovery Fund, be supported.
- (d) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment, for future decision making in relation to this project.

#### Reason for the decision

Adopting the partnership model provides continued governance and oversight of the project and ensures on-going delivery of the key aims and objectives. It also provides a strong platform to submit funding bids that will lead to more targeted delivery.

### **9 DORSET AND BCP JOINT LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4 DEVELOPMENT - RECOMMENDATION FROM PLACE & RESOURCES OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**

- (a) That the report and the comments of the Place and Resources Overview Committee on the approach for the development of the new joint LTP4, as set out in the minute extract of the meeting, be received and noted.
- (b) That responsibility for the development of the new joint LTP4 be delegated to the Corporate Director Economic Growth and Infrastructure after consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment.
- (c) That the meetings of the Joint Governance Board be conducted openly and that councillors be able to attend meetings to listen to the discussion and ask questions.

#### Reason for the decision

To provide the committee with an overview of the council's approach to developing the joint LTP4 and seek to engage the committee at an early stage of development so that their comments could support the development of the new plan. That decision making be delegated to the Corporate Director Economic Growth and Infrastructure for the development of the new joint LTP4 to ensure that decisions are effective and timely.

### **10 HOME IN ON HOUSING: DORSET COUNCIL'S ROLE AND RESPONSE FOR THE NEW AND EMERGING HOUSING STRATEGY**

- (a) The Cabinet acknowledges and reinforces the important role of Housing as a key and cross-cutting priority within our Council Plan, understanding the current landscape, challenges, and the importance of maintaining and developing a robust plan to mitigate these pressures.
- (b) That the establishment of the Housing Board be approved, and Cabinet endorse its objectives and composition.

*(This initiative will contribute significantly to our efforts in meeting the residential needs across multiple portfolios. This will also involve a Housing Programme Board,*

*with involvement from Senior and Corporate leadership roles to ensure delivery of objectives and effective implementation.)*

Reason for the decision

Housing is one of the key priorities in the Dorset Council Plan and a priority for all Dorset Council residents.

**11 ADDITIONAL PROCUREMENT FORWARD PLAN 2023-24 AND INCORPORATING THE REFRESH OF THE ANNUAL MODERN SLAVERY TRANSPARENCY STATEMENT**

- (a) That the contents of the report in respect of the Additional Procurement Forward Plan for 2023-2024 and the Modern Slavery Transparency Statement for 2022-2023, be approved.
- (b) That Cabinet agree to begin each procurement process listed in Appendix 1 to the report, and,
- (c) That in each instance the further step of making any contract award be delegated to the relevant Cabinet portfolio holder, after consultation with the relevant Executive Director.
- (d) That the Modern Slavery Transparency Statement for 2022-2023 be published.

Reason for the decision

Cabinet is required to approve all key decisions with financial consequences of £500k or more. It is also good governance to provide Cabinet with a summary of all proposed procurements prior to them formally commencing. It is a requirement for the Council to publish a Modern Slavery Transparency Statement on an annual basis.

**16 LEASE OF PREMISES AT THE OLD RADIO STATION**

That the recommendations set out within the exempt report be approved.

Reason for the decision

The proposed arrangements would allow the Council to continue its current occupation and deliver services from the Property at reduced cost.