

## Appendix 4 – Recommended Changes from the Joint Overview Committee

<b>Table of Recommended Changes</b>
<p><b>Provide high quality housing</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include a stronger focus on improving the quality of housing by working with landlords in the private rented sector.</li> <li>• Inclusion of lobbying government to review planning law and the impact of the value of land in viability negotiations, ensuring that affordable housing is delivered as agreed in planning applications.</li> <li>• Change the title of the housing priority to include the word “affordable.”</li> <li>• Provide more emphasis on community land trusts and housing co-operatives.</li> <li>• More specific on the role that the council could take in housing support for key public sector roles like teachers, NHS, social workers.</li> <li>• Include action to address stigma of living in social housing.</li> <li>• That it was important to retain ownership of council assets and lease to registered providers.</li> <li>• Add working with landowners to renovate / reintroduce housing stock in an affordable way.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Grow our economy</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion of a need to improve educational attainment in Dorset and it should incorporate the role of apprenticeships.</li> <li>• Include a more granular explanation of Dorset’s productivity gap, including developing understanding on how many people of working age in Dorset are not economically active.</li> <li>• Instead of a target to increase the number of visitors to Dorset, there should be a focus on extending the visitor season, with an aim to increase the amount of spend. Aim for increasing the quality of tourism.</li> <li>• Expanding the Enterprise Zone in Weymouth (rather than a Dorset Innovation Park focus).</li> <li>• To highlight the importance of not focusing on one area or industry.</li> <li>• Inclusion of setting up a Dorset Investment Office to attract inward investment into the county.</li> <li>• Consideration of the disparity between average earnings in east and west of the county.</li> <li>• Inclusion of sustainable tourism as a key offering from the region.</li> <li>• Developing engineering and highly skilled jobs, alongside tourism.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Communities for all</b></p>

- Add in target measures for the following areas:
  - improving educational attainment
  - more internships and apprenticeships for young people
  - corporate parenting
  - a joined-up model of locality working
  - speeding up hospital discharge and enabling people to live independently at home
  - 'age-friendly' Dorset
- Change the sentence on social mobility – South Dorset is the least socially mobile in the country (rather than Dorset is one of the least).
- Seek fairer funding for Dorset schools.

### **Respond to the climate and nature crisis**

- Include more targets for the whole Dorset area, rather than just a Dorset Council focus in the targets.
- Inclusion of eco-tourism
- Correction to wording in the plan: only **natural** world heritage site in UK.
- Strengthen the content on what the council would do to support communities, towns and parishes to deal with the impacts of climate change, especially flooding.
- Add something on how the council works with water companies to address contamination and pollution of rivers and the sea.
- Emphasise the role of the individual and that everyone in Dorset can make a difference.
- Recognise the nature of the county and the opportunities to utilise alternative energy, such as solar and wind, in a sensitive way.

### **General recommendations for the plan**

- Include the role of elected members, and town and parish councils, within the plan.
- Ensure there was enough prominence of the council's 450 services within the plan.
- There should be more specific emphasis on highways and better public transport.