

Recommended Changes from the Joint Overview Committee

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<p>Provide high quality housing</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a stronger focus on improving the quality of housing by working with landlords in the private rented sector. • 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. • Change the title of the housing priority to include the word “affordable.” • Provide more emphasis on community land trusts and housing co-operatives. • More specific on the role that the council could take in housing support for key public sector roles like teachers, NHS, social workers. • Include action to address stigma of living in social housing. • That it was important to retain ownership of council assets and lease to registered providers. • Add working with landowners to renovate / reintroduce housing stock in an affordable way.
<p>Grow our economy</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of a need to improve educational attainment in Dorset and it should incorporate the role of apprenticeships. • 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. • 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. • Expanding the Enterprise Zone in Weymouth (rather than a Dorset Innovation Park focus). • To highlight the importance of not focusing on one area or industry. • Inclusion of setting up a Dorset Investment Office to attract inward investment into the county. • Consideration of the disparity between average earnings in east and west of the county. • Inclusion of sustainable tourism as a key offering from the region. • Developing engineering and highly skilled jobs, alongside tourism.
<p>Communities for all</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.