

Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd

16 July 2025

Dorset Innovation Park Ltd Articles of Association

For Review and Consultation

Cabinet Member and Portfolio:

Cllr R Biggs, Property & Assets and Economic Growth

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Brief Summary:

This report presents the Dorset Innovation Park Ltd Articles of Association for the Shareholder Committee.

Recommendation:

Shareholders are asked to receive the Articles of Association and support the continued cooperation between the Council and Dorset Innovation Park Ltd.

Reason for Recommendation:

1. Report

- 1.1 The Council currently owns and manages Dorset Innovation Park, a large industrial estate with Enterprise Zone status near Wool. A Cabinet decision taken in November 2024 reviewed potential management options

and agreed the formation of an arm's length company as the preferred management arrangement for the Innovation Park.

- 1.2 In March 2025 Cabinet approved the formation of a wholly owned but independent Dorset Council trading company limited by shares. The Council has a 100% shareholding in the company.
- 1.3 It also agreed delegation of authority to the Executive Director Place in consultation with the Director Legal and Democratic, Executive Director Corporate Development and the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Assets, Property and Economic Growth to approve the detailed implementation plans for the Company including the Articles of Association.
- 1.4 Articles of Association are a legal document setting out the rules and regulations for how a company will be run. They act as a "rule book" for the company, outlining the relationship between the company, its directors and its shareholders. These rules cover aspects like the company's purpose, administrative structure, director appointments and shareholder rights.
- 1.5 Dorset Innovation Park Ltd was incorporated with Companies House on 13 June 2025 using model Articles of Association and naming Dorset Council Corporate Director for Highways & Engineering Jack Wiltshire as interim Director. These were temporary arrangements.
- 1.6 The replacement Articles of Association specific to this company and drafted with support from the Legal Services Team are presented for confirmation as an appendix to this report.

2. Financial Implications

- 3.1 A projected Financial Model for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd was presented to Cabinet on 25 March 2025.

3. Natural Environment, Climate & Ecology Implications

- 4.1 N/A

4. Well-being and Health Implications

- 5.1 N/A

5. Other Implications

- 6.1 None at this stage.

6. **Risk Assessment**

N/A

7. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

Complete

8. **Appendices**

Dorset Innovation Park Ltd Articles of Association.

9. **Background Papers**

[Cabinet Report 25 March 2025 - Dorset Innovation Park – Arm's Length Management Company Final.pdf](#)

10. **Report Sign Off**

- 11.1 This report has been through the internal report clearance process and has been signed off by the Director for Legal and Democratic (Monitoring Officer), the Executive Director for Corporate Development (Section 151 Officer) and the appropriate Portfolio Holder(s)