

People and Health Overview Committee Work Programme

Meeting Date: 15 September 2025

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information
Empty Homes Strategy	Part of the wider Housing Strategy, this report will introduce a strategy which sets out how the Council intends to bring long term empty properties back into use.	Steven March – Service Manager for Housing Standards Cllr Gill Taylor – Cabinet Member for Health and Housing	Consideration by Cabinet following the committee.
Domestic Abuse Strategy 2025-2028		Andy Frost – Service Manager for Community Safety Cllr Gill Taylor – Cabinet Member for Health and Housing	Dorset Council has a legal requirement to create a Domestic Abuse Strategy as set out in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. This is the second Strategy the Council has written since legislation came into place. The Strategy has been endorsed by the Dorset Community Safety Partnership and now requires formal sign off by the Council.
Age Friendly Communities	To provide an update on the Age Friendly Communities Programme	Sam Poole – Corporate Director for Commissioning and Improvement Cllr Steve Robinson – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	

Meeting Date: 3 November 2025

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Housing Allocations Policy		Sarah How – Service Manager for Housing Register and Lettings Cllr Gill Taylor – Cabinet Member for Health and Housing	Proposed revisions to the councils Housing Allocations Policy, which governs how social housing is allocated to applicants on the housing register. The revised policy update aims to ensure fairness, transparency and compliance with legal requirements while addressing local housing need.
Dorset Tenancy Strategy	Review of the Dorset Tenancy Strategy and to provide feedback ahead of consideration by Cabinet.	Sharon Attwater – Service Manager for Housing Strategy and Performance Cllr Gill Taylor – Cabinet Member for Health and Housing	A tenancy strategy to set out the kinds and circumstances for different types of tenancies that should be provided to social rented housing tenants, including arrangements for fixed term tenancies, for registered providers which hold stock in the Dorset local authority area, to pay attention to when formulating their tenancy policies.
Towards a new model of day opportunities transformation	To consider the results of the consultation on the future of day services in Dorset and use this information to shape a way forward for these services. The consultation was launched on a set of proposals across Dorset arising from Cabinet's agreement in principle to the new	Karen Stephens – Head of Service, Commissioning - Working Age Adults & Disability Cllr Steve Robinson – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	

	model for these services at its meeting on 10 September 2024.		
Partnership Principles and Statement of Reasonable Expectations with Town and Parish Councils	Approval of 1) a set of Partnership Principles with Community Partners and 2) a 'Statement of Reasonable Expectations' with Town and Parish Councils.	Jen Lowis – Head of Strategic Communications and Engagement Cllr Ryan Hope – Cabinet Member for Customer, Culture, and Community Engagement	

Meeting Date: 2 February 2026

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information

Meeting Date: 29 April 2026

Report Title	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information

Unscheduled Committee Items

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Financial Provision for the Voluntary & Community Sector and Community Partnerships Strategy	The current 5 year financial agreement for the VCS will be coming to an end in October 2026. This paper will propose the new support for them.	Laura Cornette – Business Partner – Communities and Partnerships Cllr Ryan Hope – Cabinet Member for Customer, Culture, and Community Engagement	Consideration by Cabinet following the committee.
Place Based Partnership Prospectus	Feedback on the draft prospectus: a document that articulates the purpose, benefits and opportunities of the Place Based Partnership across health and social care.	Rachel Partridge – Deputy Director of Public Health & Prevention Cllr Steve Robinson – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	

Informal Work of the Committee:

Date	Topic	Format	Members	Lead Officers / Members	Other Information