



Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Innovation Park Ltd Forward Plan - March to July 2026 - Draft Forward Plan (Publication date – 12 MARCH 2026)

Explanatory Note:

This Forward Plan contains future items to be considered by the Shareholder Committee for the Dorset Innovation Park Ltd. It is published 28 days before the next meeting of the committee. The plan includes items for the meeting including key decisions. Each item shows if it is 'open' to the public or to be considered in a private part of the meeting.

Definition of Key Decisions

Key decisions are defined in Dorset Council's Constitution as decisions which are likely to -

- (a) to result in the relevant local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the relevant local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates (**Thresholds - £500k**); or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the relevant local authority."

In determining the meaning of "*significant*" for these purposes the Council will have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 9Q of the Local Government Act 2000 Act. Officers will consult with lead members to determine significance and sensitivity.

Committee Membership 2025/26

Cllr Nick Ireland – Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding

Cllr Richard Biggs – Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets, and Economic Growth

Cllr Shane Bartlett – Cabinet Member for Planning and Emergency Planning

Cllr Simon Clifford – Cabinet Member for Finance and Capital Strategy

Cllr Ben Wilson – Cabinet Member for Corporate Development and Transformation

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Cabinet Member	Officer Contact
April 2026				
Managing Director's report Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider a report of the Managing Director – Dorset Innovation Park Ltd.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date 13 Apr 2026	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Managing Director – Dorset Innovation Park Ltd</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Dorset Council Officer update Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To receive a report of the Head of Growth and Economic Regeneration.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date 13 Apr 2026	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Nick Webster, Head of Growth and Regeneration</i> <i>nicholas.webster@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Support contract Key Decision - No Public Access - Part exempt To update the committee on progress towards finalising the Support Contract between Dorset Council and Dorset Innovation Park Ltd.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date 13 Apr 2026	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Nick Webster, Head of Growth and Regeneration</i> <i>nicholas.webster@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>

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July 2026				

Managing Director's report Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider a report of the Managing Director – Dorset Innovation Park Ltd.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Managing Director – Dorset Innovation Park Ltd</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
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Review of Terms of Reference Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To note the shareholder committee terms of reference.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date	Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	<i>Grace Evans, Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer</i> <i>grace.evans@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i>

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Annual items				
Dorset Innovation Park Ltd Business Plan (January) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt To agree the Dorset Innovation Park Ltd Business Plan for the year ahead.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date January	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Managing Director – Dorset Innovation Park Ltd</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Dorset Innovation Park Annual Report (April) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To agree the annual report for the past year.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date April	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Managing Director – Dorset Innovation Park Ltd</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>
Review of Terms of Reference (July) Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To note the shareholder committee terms of reference.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date July	Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Performance and Safeguarding	<i>Grace Evans, Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer</i> <i>grace.evans@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i>

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Dorset Innovation Park Ltd (October/November) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt To outline the emerging Dorset Innovation Park Ltd Business Plan for the coming year.	Decision Maker Shareholder Committee for Dorset Innovation Park Ltd	Decision Date October/November	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Property & Assets and Economic Growth	<i>Managing Director – Dorset Innovation Park Ltd</i> <i>Executive Director, Place (Jan Britton)</i>

Private/Exempt Items for Decision

Each item in the plan above marked as 'private' will refer to one of the following paragraphs.

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the shadow council proposes:-
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.