

## Dorset Councillor Report November 2019

### The General Election and Purdah

From 7 November Councils are not allowed to issue any publicity which may seek to influence the way in which Electors vote. Although it is a Parliamentary Election, Dorset Council is not allowed to quote or feature individual Councillors in publicity

### Climate Change

At the Council meeting held on 21 November, a number of questions were submitted by members of the public in respect of Climate Change. Responses were given by the Portfolio Holder. The Council has declared a Climate Emergency.

The Executive Advisory Panel dedicated to this issue is making good progress, and the work of Task and Finish Groups will feed into the Panel. Key areas of focus include Transport, Waste and Energy, Buildings and Assets, Leadership and Influence, and the Natural Environment.

### Neighbouring Councils

The Leader of Dorset Council is in the process of meeting with Leaders of neighbouring Councils to discuss matters of common interest. These include Economic Growth, Local Plans, Transport and Travel, and Waste and Recycling.

### Town and Parish Council Workshops

A series of four workshops have taken place. Councillors and Clerks gave their ideas and opinions on how the two tiers of Local Government can work together to provide the range of services expected by residents.

### Local Plan update

Dorset Councillors will receive an update from the Local Plan EAP on 27 November.

### Somerley HRC

Dorset Council's Cabinet met on 5 November. The recommendations reported by Councillors to Verwood Town Council in the September Dorset Council report were accepted. Free access to the HRC by Dorset residents should now continue for at least two years while Dorset Officers investigate the provision of a new facility to serve the East of Dorset.

Councillors Mike Dyer and David Shortell, 27 November 2019

