

MEMBER BRIEFING / 04 SEPTEMBER 18

COUNTDOWN TO 1 APRIL 2019

209 DAYS TO GO (as of 04 September)

You can follow the activities of the Shadow Dorset Council on Twitter @Dorset_SC and also read the latest news on the Shaping Dorset Council intranet site.

We hope you find this newsletter useful. If you have any feedback please email shapingdorsetcouncil@dorsetcc.gov.uk

WHAT'S DAY 1 STARTING TO LOOK LIKE?

Below are a few decisions that have been made and approved, which means we can start to shape what will definitely happen for Day 1.

- All staff and members will have a new email address which will be an @dorsetcouncil.gov.uk domain
- Although no decisions have yet been made on the use of current buildings or where services will operate from in the future, South Walks House in Dorchester will be the registered address for the new council for legal, PAYE and VAT purposes.
- A new Chief Executive will be in place, and likely that their Senior Leadership team will be too
- The new logo will be available to use. However, we are not intending to replace all signage etc in one go, and will more than likely replace items over a phased period. We do know that anything that requires the logo for legal reasons, will be changed in time for 1 April.
- Dorset Council wi-fi is already in place across existing sites, meaning easy connectivity wherever you are.

There is a lot more still to agree, and we'll keep you updated as and when these things happen.

CHANGES TO THE PROGRAMME BOARD

The Shaping Dorset Council programme board has been widened and now consists of officers from the leadership teams of the six Dorset Area councils, plus programme workstream leads.

They are meeting on a weekly basis to monitor progress, risks and decisions.

They are agreeing key messages which will be communicated to all staff in this fortnightly newsletter and online.



IN BRIEF: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PROGRAMME

- Customer access will now sit under the Corporate Theme Board. A plan for how customers contact us on Day 1 will now be developed, with an information campaign due to start in the New Year.
- A clear decision making process has been agreed so that a consistent approach is taken by everyone making choices relating to the new Dorset Council. They are reported in a transparent way. An animation video will be available soon to explain the process.

WHAT'S ON IN **SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

- 17 SEP** ■ Shadow Executive Committee, 4.00pm, South Walks House, Dorchester.
- 19 SEP** ■ Member Seminar, 3-5pm (repeated 6-8pm), South Walks House, Dorchester.
- 27 SEP** ■ Shadow Dorset Council meeting, 6.00pm, South Walks House, Dorchester.
- 15 OCT** ■ Shadow Executive Committee, 4.00pm, South Walks House, Dorchester.

SHADOW EXECUTIVE LEAD MEMBER ROLES

Each member of the Shadow Executive has been assigned a Lead Member role for a theme area. The roles have been outlined on our website (<https://dorsetareacouncils.wordpress.com>), along with the contact details for each member.

If you have got any questions about these areas in relation to the new council, you can contact the Lead Member directly.

HOW TO KEEP UP TO DATE

We are striving to make as much information available as possible, in as many ways as we can, including:

- This fortnightly newsletter, emailed directly to all Shadow Council members
- The Shaping Dorset Council intranet site (details below)
- The external website - (<https://dorsetareacouncils.wordpress.com>)

If you are having trouble accessing any of these, please get in touch with us via email on ShapingDorsetCouncil@dorsetcc.gov.uk

MEMBER Q&As

Where are we with the Chief Executive recruitment process?

The shortlist interviews will take place on 13 September. An appointment will be made, subject to being ratified at the next meeting of the Shadow Council on 27 September.

Is there a plan for a new Leadership Team?

Members of the Shadow Executive Committee will be asked in mid-September for their agreement to a proposed structure for Tier 2 Senior Executive/Director posts and for the recruitment process to take place in early Autumn.

It is unlikely that any other changes to structures, unless already planned as part of current councils' in-year change programmes, will start before 1 April 2019.

This will only involve Senior Executive posts at this stage.

As required by law the Shadow Dorset Council has designated three statutory officers on an interim basis until permanent appointments are made: Head of Paid Service (Matt Prosser); Chief Finance Officer (Jason Vaughan); Monitoring (Legal) Officer (Jonathan Mair).



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