

MEMBER NEWSLETTER / 01 OCTOBER 2018

CHIEF EXECUTIVE APPOINTED

Matt Prosser has been formally appointed as the first Chief Executive of the new Dorset Council following approval at the meeting of the full Shadow Authority on 27 September.



Chief Executive Designate, Matt said: "I'm immensely proud to have been appointed as the first Chief Executive of the new Dorset Council, having been part of the journey that resulted in the submission to Government for this reorganisation to happen. It's a huge honour to now see this through and set up the new council and deliver for the residents of Dorset".

Matt will be moving to join the programme team with immediate effect and has ceased his role of Chief Executive at Dorset Councils Partnership.

His new email address is
matt.prosser@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

COUNTDOWN TO
1 APRIL 2019
6 MONTHS TO GO



WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS?

- 173 employees attended 13 workshops to map what was needed the new council to 'open its doors' on Day 1
- Thousands of employees now working on preparations across 478 service areas
- 174 elected members representing 206 wards make up the Shadow Dorset Council



AN UPDATE ON THE CURRENT BUDGET POSITION

Accountancy colleagues are working to bring the finances for six councils into one new organisation, with one budget, which is estimated to be around £290m. The existing sovereign councils are in very different places financially.



There are several factors - including Demand-Led services (social care), Capital (what we have), Council Tax (our income), and TUPE and disaggregation - which lead to undetermined costs (also known as 'stranded' or 'hangover' costs). These are continually being reviewed.

After a decade of austerity, local government finances are as stretched as ever, but teams are working hard to bridge any gaps (currently forecast at £15.4m for 2019/20 and £8m for 2020/21). The biggest cost pressures currently sit in Children's Services and Adult Social Care, but these are being reviewed and updated regularly.

As always, if you have any queries, email shapingdorsetcouncil@dorsetcc.gov.uk.

TIER 2 UPDATE

The Shadow Council agreed the proposed structures for the senior management posts of the new Dorset Council at their meeting on 27 September.

A series of employee briefings are now taking place across the county. They will set out the proposals and give employees right across all areas of the six sovereign councils the chance to hear from Matt Prosser and the HR leads about their vision for the new authority.

All senior management posts will be at the centre of, and will play a key role in the operation of, the new organisation.

The recruitment process, which will be on a national scale, will begin this month, with the view to appointments being made by late November or early December.

PROPOSED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF BCP ANNOUNCED

Following a rigorous final round of interviews, the committee has recommended that Graham Farrant is appointed as Chief Executive of the new Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council.



Graham is currently the Chief Executive of HM Land Registry and Chief Land Registrar. He previously held roles as Chief Executive of Thurrock Council and London Borough of Barking and Dagenham. Graham also has extensive private sector experience. The final decision on the appointment of the Chief Executive will be made when the Shadow Authority meets on 17 October.

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER?

15 Oct: Shadow Executive Committee, 4.00pm, South Walks House, Dorchester

SHAPING DORSET COUNCIL TEAM HAS MOVED!



The Shaping Dorset Council Team has moved out of South Annexe at County Hall.



You can now find us on the 2nd Floor, Princes House, Dorchester. DT1 1TP.



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VISIT OUR WEBSITE

dorsetareacouncils.wordpress.com has been updated to include more information about progress towards Day 1. You can share this publicly and we'll keep updating it with the latest information.

FAQ: WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE GLOBAL ADDRESS LISTS?

Good news! Calendar sharing and a global address list are now available across all Dorset Area councils. You'll be able to see the details and availability of your colleagues from the whole area, so booking meetings, finding contact details and working collaboratively will be a lot easier ahead of 1 April 2019 when we become Dorset Council.



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