

## MEMBER NEWSLETTER / 2 NOVEMBER 2018

### COUNTDOWN TO 1 APRIL 2019

#### 150 DAYS TO GO

We hope you find this newsletter useful. If you have any questions or feedback, please email [shapingdorsetcouncil@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:shapingdorsetcouncil@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

We know that some members had difficulty accessing our Sharepoint site, so we've now uploaded all of the information and updates to the website -

[dorsetareacouncils.wordpress.com](http://dorsetareacouncils.wordpress.com)

### NEW WARD BOUNDARIES FOR DORSET COUNCIL



Final recommendations for ward boundaries for Dorset Council have been released by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) following a public consultation. The new wards will be represented by 82 councillors and the arrangements will come into effect at the first elections in May 2019.

LGBCE's final recommendations propose six three-councillor wards, 18 two-councillor wards and 28 one-councillor wards. LGBCE says it changed some of the proposals it put forward in July following public feedback.

The proposed new arrangements must now be implemented by parliament. A draft order - the legal document which brings into force the proposals - will be laid in parliament in the coming weeks.

You can find more information here:

<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-west/dorset/dorset>

### MEMBER DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT

A series of drop-in sessions across the county are being held on the following dates and times. You are welcome to attend any of these consultation events, which will be informal and will give you an opportunity to feedback your views on the prospective councillor information, member induction, member development and member support services.

- 8 November, 2-4pm, Committee Room 1, County Hall, Dorchester
- 21 November, 5-6.30pm, Meeting Room 1, Allenvie, Wimborne
- 28 November, 10.30-11.30am, Durweston Village Hall, Blandford

Events in Wareham and Weymouth have already been held.

### MEMBERS' SEMINARS

These sessions are designed to bring you up to date on key areas of the Shaping Dorset Council programme and give you a chance to ask any questions you have and offer your input on what the new Dorset Council will look like. You can find the next dates below. All sessions are held at South Walks House, Dorchester.



27 November - TBC

4 December - An update on the Budget, 3-5pm and 6-8pm (moved from 12th)

Further dates will be confirmed in due course.

## WHAT'S COMING UP AT SHADOW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE?

The Shadow Executive Committee will meet on Monday 12 November at South Walks House. All members are welcome to attend. Below we've highlighted some of the key agenda items - you can view the committee papers here:

<http://shadowcouncil.dorset.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=136>

### A NEW LOGO FOR A NEW COUNCIL

A proposed new logo for Dorset Council has been chosen following a series of engagement sessions with councillors, residents and employees. Four logos were shortlisted, with the proposed logo being the favourite with all groups consulted.

Designing the logo has been at no additional cost as the work has been done within the councils by our talented in-house designers, rather than commissioning an external branding agency. The new logo has been designed to be: simple and flexible so it works on digital platforms as well as traditional; modern and distinctive to represent the new council; accessible so it can be recognised by everyone (including those with visual impairments); and representative of Dorset's landscape.

The preferred logo option will be presented to the Shadow Executive Committee at their meeting on 12 November and they will have the final decision on whether this logo becomes the new visual identity for Dorset Council. The logo will be revealed internally and externally following this decision. The roll-out of the logo (on signage and uniforms, for example) will be on a managed basis over time to keep costs to a minimum.

### FUTURE OPERATION OF LEISURE CENTRES

This report recommends that a specialist company be appointed to begin work on developing a business case, including options for future delivery of services, as well as a building condition survey of all leisure centre assets.

This will enable Dorset Council to have a good understanding of all sports and leisure facilities and make decisions about options for their future operation in line with the operating model and vision of the new council.

The appointment of a specialist company would mean a business case could be developed by summer 2019.

### FUTURE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

This report provides an update on issues for the public health partnership as it prepares for local government reorganisation. It recommends that the SEC agrees to extend the partnership for at least 12 months after 1 April 2019, along with the continuation of the Joint Public Health Board. It also notes the board's decision to approve the procurement of a new model for pan-Dorset health checks.

### GET INVOLVED IN MEETINGS

All members are welcome to attend meetings of the Shadow Committees as well as the Full Council and ask questions. Questions must be relevant to the committee, be 50 words or fewer and sent in writing to the relevant Democratic Services officer at least 3 days before the meeting. Councillors can ask one question per meeting.

You can find full guidance on the website:  
<https://dorsetareacouncils.wordpress.com/information-for-shadow-council-members/>