

COUNTDOWN TO 1 APRIL 2019

150 DAYS TO GO

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NEW WARD BOUNDARIES FOR DORSET COUNCIL



Following a public consultation, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) have published their final recommendations for ward boundaries for Dorset Council. 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. Following public feedback, LGBCE has changed some of the proposals it put forward in July. Details can be found on the website.

The proposed new arrangements must now be approved 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>

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

You can find lots of information about Shaping Dorset Council on our website:

dorsetareacouncils.wordpress.com

We'll continue to update this site so you can use it to find all of the latest news, meeting information, agendas and papers. The latest newsletters will also be added to the site so you can view these online and share them.

If there's anything else you think would be useful to be added to the website, please get in touch with us at the usual email address (above). The website is publicly accessible so you can share it with residents, community groups and other organisations you work with.

DEBBIE WARD TO STAND DOWN AS DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL CHIEF EXEC

Dorset County Council (DCC) has announced the departure of its current Chief Executive, Debbie Ward, after six years at the helm. DCC's Staffing Committee has agreed that Debbie Ward, who also holds the statutory responsibility for the Director for Adult Social Services, will end her term as Chief Executive on 30 November 2018.

Mike Harries, Corporate Director for Environment & Economy, has been recommended by the Staffing Committee for the role of Interim Chief Executive through to 31 March 2019. Nick Jarman, Corporate Director for Children's Services, has been recommended to take on the responsibilities of Statutory Director for adult social care (DASS) on an interim basis to the end of March in addition to his current role. These recommendations will be considered at the Full Dorset County Council meeting on 8 November.

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.

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, prioritising what is necessary for 1 April 2019 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 key issues for the public health partnership as it prepares for local government reorganisation.

It recommends 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.

View the committee papers here:
<http://shadowcouncil.dorset.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=136>