

# Shaftesbury Town Council

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To: Members of Shaftesbury Town Council's Full Council (FC). All other recipients for information only.

You are required to attend an extraordinary meeting of the Full Council for the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below.

To be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 12 December 2017 in the Council Chamber, Shaftesbury Town Hall

Claire Commons, Town Clerk Members are reminded of their duty under the Code of Conduct

## **Public Participation**

The Chairman will invite members of the public to present their questions, statements or petitions submitted under the Council's Public Participation Procedure.

Members of the public and Councillors are entitled to make audio or visual recordings of the meeting provided it does not cause disruption or impede the transaction of business. Out of courtesy to those present, the Council requests that intention to record proceedings is brought to the Chairman's attention prior to the start of the meeting.

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(End)

## Administration for a meeting of the Full Council To be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 12 December 2017 in the Council Chamber, Shaftesbury Town Hall

## 1 <u>Apologies</u>

To receive and consider for acceptance, apologies for absence

#### 1.1 Apologies received to date

1.1.1 . Councillor Austin due to a conflicting engagement

#### 2 Declarations of Interest

Members and Officers are reminded of their obligations to declare interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct 2012. The Clerk will report any dispensation requests received.

## 2.1 Declarations of Interest received to date

2.1.1 There have been no declarations received at the point of papers being issued.

## Report 1217FC3 to a meeting of the Full Council To be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 12 December 2017 in the Council Chamber, Shaftesbury Town Hall

# 3 Grounds Vehicle

To consider purchase of a vehicle for the Grounds Team

#### 3.1 Recommendation

3.1.1 That the Council purchases a second-hand Mitsubishi L200 2.5 DI-D CR 4WD

#### 3.2 Background

- 3.2.1 The Council provided a budget of £14,000 for the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Grounds Team.
- 3.2.2 The requirement for the team is a vehicle with a degree of off-road capability. The proposed vehicle is 4x4 drive, classed as a basic works vehicle 'without any of the frills'. It is complete with tow bar and the rear seating area has a fold down seat to allow the safe transportation of small equipment, it can also seat up to 4 people.
- 3.2.3 The Head Groundsman and Groundsman who is also a fully trained mechanic have inspected the vehicle and report that it is in excellent condition with 73,000 miles on the clock. It has full service history, one previous owner, manufacturers warranty until September 2019 and has just had a new cam belt fitted. The cost of this vehicle is £8,495+VAT
- 3.2.4 It is proposed that the vehicle replaces the DFSK Flatbed Truck. That vehicle was purchased by the Council in September 2014 at a cost of £5,800. It is expected to need significant repairs in the near future, spares are expensive and difficult to source, coming directly from China.
- 3.2.5 The vendor of the Mitsubishi has offered a part exchange value of £2,500 + Vat for the DFSK.
- 3.2.6 The Head Groundsman has been looking for a suitable vehicle since April 2017 and reports that this is the first vehicle which has met all the requirements and is within budget.



### 3.3 **Financial Implication**

3.3.1 £5,995 from Earmarked Reserves for Replacement Vehicles. Balance of fund is currently £14,000

## 3.4 Legal Implications

3.4.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report

## 3.5 **Risk**

- 3.5.1 There is a risk to the efficiency of the grounds team from running a vehicle which is not reliable.
- 3.5.2 There is a financial risk to running a vehicle which is no longer economical to maintain and run.

(End)

Report Author:

Tracy Moxham, Finance and Services Officer and Claire Commons, Town Clerk

## Report 1217FC4 to a meeting of the Full Council To be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 12 December 2017 in the Council Chamber, Shaftesbury Town Hall

# 4 Future Dorset

To consider writing to the Secretary of State in respect of Future Dorset

#### 4.1 **Recommendation**

4.1.1 That the Council writes to the Secretary of State in respect of Future Dorset

## 4.2 Background

- 4.2.1 The Clerk has just received an email (Appendix A) from the Chief Executive of Dorset County Council seeking written support to the Secretary of State of the new Future Dorset proposals. The email provides the following links for details and further information on the <u>Future Dorset homepage</u>. There are also summaries of the <u>benefits</u> for a range of issues, should you wish to reference these.
- 4.2.2 Due to the timing of receipt of this email, the Clerk has not yet prepared a proposed response and will be seeking direction in order to prepare a draft in readiness for Tuesday evening.

#### 4.3 **Financial Implications**

4.3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report

#### 4.4 Legal Implications

4.4.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report

#### 4.5 **Risk**

4.5.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

(End)

Report Author: Claire Commons, Town Clerk

#### Appendix A.

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From:	Chief Executive < chiefexecutive@dorset
Sent:	07 December 2017 16:33
Subject:	Future Dorset

Dear Town and Parish Councils

You will be aware that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid, announced on 7 November that he is 'minded to' implement the Future Dorset proposal. You'll recall that this plan would reduce the number of local authorities in Dorset from nine to two, by creating one new council for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole and one for the remaining area of Dorset. This is great news for the county. The plan not only creates a more efficient system of local government that is easier for partners to deal with, it will also will mean more consistent policies and a better chance of Dorset gaining national recognition and funding for key services and infrastructure projects.

cc.gov.uk>

Thank you for backing the proposal. The emphatic support from all across the county was acknowledged by Sajid Javid, who has now set a period of representations until January 8<sup>th</sup> 2018. During this time, he welcomes further correspondence setting out support for the Future Dorset proposal.

Given that there is some very isolated, but also active and vocal opposition to the plan, it is really important that the Secretary of State is reminded of the strength of feeling amongst key stakeholders and partners such as yourself. I would be extremely grateful if you could find some time to write the Secretary of State as soon as possible, setting out again your support for Future Dorset.

If you need any additional information for including in your representation, you'll find a bullet-point list of the vision for each new council on the <u>Future Dorset homepage</u>. There are also summaries of the <u>benefits for a range of issues</u>, including policies, health & wellbeing, the economy, transport, housing, education and accountability, should you wish to reference these.

Please send your correspondence to

The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP Department for Communities and Local Government 2 Marsham Street London SW1P 4DF Or email <u>sajid.javid.mp@parliament.uk</u>

If you could also send a copy of your representation, for our records, to ldixon@dorset.gov.uk.

Many thanks for your ongoing support, it really is very much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Debbie

Debbie Ward Chief Executive

Dorset County Council

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