

# Dorset County Council November 2018 Report

## **The new "Dorset Council"**

Following his appointment as the Chief Executive of Dorset Council, Matt Prosser is starting the design of the rest of the management structure of the Council. As the Cabinet Member for workforce I am working closely with him planning the next Phase of interviews for the senior executive positions as well as planning out the structure of the organisation going forward. We have agreed there will be four Executive Directors, plus the Director of Public Health, who is shared with the other single authority; Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole. The four Directors will be responsible for Children's Services; Adult Services; Place; and Corporate Services. The Executive Director responsible for Corporate Services will be the Chief Operating Officer and will be the designated Chief Finance Officer.

The work on bringing the services together is being referred to as convergence which will produce considerable savings. However, even greater savings will be from what is termed transformation arising from flatter organisation structures, the removal of duplication and doing things differently. This will, however, take a few years to fully realise these savings.

## **Bere Regis School wins a National Award**

I am delighted to report that Dorset County Council's submission for the new Bere Regis Primary School has won a major national award. The SPACES Civic Building of the Year award in the category of Innovation. The awards ceremony was held in Cambridge in October with colleagues from DCC and the main contractor Morgan Sindall accepting the award.

These are the only awards in the industry that are solely dedicated to rewarding excellence and innovation in construction projects delivered within the Public Sector. The awards also recognise the collaborative nature in which public sector projects are being delivered in their communities.

## **Surgery**

Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the communal Lounge in Turberville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. If you cannot make one of these please email me and I will arrange to come around to see you. If you have any questions or queries related to the business of Dorset County Council please come along. If anyone wants to contact me and cannot get to the surgery my email address is [peterwharf@hotmail.com](mailto:peterwharf@hotmail.com).

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