



## Latest updates from Dorset Council



### **Dorset Council budget proposals to protect essential frontline services**

Dorset Council has published its initial proposals to deliver a balanced budget next financial year, 2024-25.

The proposals will see essential frontline council services continuing to be provided to residents and businesses, and protected from cuts.

In total, Dorset Council provides around 450 different services to just under 380,000 residents, including adults and children's social care, road maintenance, waste collection, housing support and libraries.

Around 60 per cent of the budget will support vulnerable children, families, older

people and those with disabilities.

The proposals would see an increase in council tax next year by just under 3 per cent and to levy the adult social care precept of 2 per cent.

The proposals will be considered by two scrutiny committees, then reviewed and submitted to Cabinet, and then to Full Council in February for final approval.

[Find out more](#)



## How we tackled the January floods

Between 3pm on 4 January and this morning, 5 January, our highways crews were called out 82 times to deal with issues relating to the significant rainfall across our area.

Our multi-skilled crews, each typically comprising two people, cleared gullies and drains, made emergency repairs, cleared fallen trees, and attended road traffic collisions at the request of Dorset Police.

Our gritting crews were also out overnight as temperatures were set to drop

below 1 degree Celsius.

[Read more](#)

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## UK Disability History Month

Almost 1 in 5 people in Dorset are disabled, and to mark the end of UK Disability History Month, Dorset Council shared some of the work it has been doing to support its disabled employees and act as a role-model for other local employers to do the same.

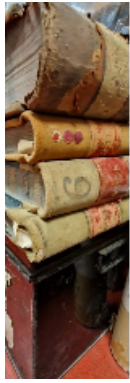
As a Disability Confident employer, we know we still have more to do, but we are proud of the way our Disability Employee Network supports us to understand and advocate for the experiences of disabled people locally.

[Find out more](#)

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## Dorset History Centre





## DHC Collections Weeks

Dorset History Centre will be closed to all public for 2 weeks from **Monday 15th to Monday 29th January 2024** whilst we undertake essential work on our collections.



All enquiries will be processed in the order they have been received as soon as possible after this period. If your enquiry is urgent, please call us on [01305 250550](tel:01305250550) and leave a message.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your patience.

The Dorset History Centre will be closed to the public from 15 to 29 January.

This is so essential work can be carried out to make access to their collections easier.

Staff will be busy behind the scenes carrying out essential work to make access to the collections easier.

DHC is archive service for the whole of Dorset. They collect, preserve, and provide access to physical and digital archives.

They carry out conservation work on documents and support projects relating to history and heritage of the county.

The documents stored include paper, parchment and printed documents as well as audio-visual material and digital records.

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From everyone at Dorset Council

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