



12 February 2020

## ***Climate and Ecological Emergency Executive Advisory Panel - January 2020 Update***

*Late last month, Dorset Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency Executive Advisory Panel convened to hear about the continued progress being made by the authority in its work to tackle climate change.*

*Members were also presented with initial findings from the ongoing [Call for Ideas](#). The [Call for Ideas](#) will run until the end of this month, with a full summary of the findings due to be published in the Spring.*

[Read more](#)

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## ***Statement of Community Involvement***

*Dorset Council adopted their new Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) on 28 January 2020.*

*The [statement](#) is required by the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and sets out how and when Dorset Council will involve the community as part of its planning duties. This statement replaces all the*

existing SCIs previously adopted by the predecessor Councils (Dorset County Council, East Dorset District Council, North Dorset District Council, Purbeck District Council, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council) that existed prior to the formation of Dorset Council on the 1 April 2019.

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## **Neighbourhood plan referenda**

February is a busy month for Dorset Council's planning policy and electoral services teams with three neighbourhood plan referenda taking place across Dorset.

Two of the polls will take place on Thursday (13 February); one for Upper Marshwood Vale in west Dorset, the other for Sutton Poyntz near Weymouth.

Residents will be asked to say whether they think Dorset Council should use the neighbourhood plans which have been drawn up for these areas to help decide planning applications.

A further referendum for the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan is happening on Thursday 27 February. This covers the Bridport, Allington, Bradpole, Bothenhampton & Walditch and Symondsburry parish areas.

Information about the plans for each of the three areas can be viewed online at [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

If you are a councillor for these areas, please do encourage residents to cast their vote. Polling stations will be open from 7am until 10pm. Details of where residents can find their polling station will be on their poll card. If any residents

*are unsure of whether they are registered to vote in these referenda, they can call electoral services on 01305 838299.*



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## ***Dorchester Market Car Boot Funds 2020***

*The Dorchester Market car boot Fund is open for applications. The income from weekly Car Boots sales held in Dorchester is distributed annually to local community and voluntary organisations in and around Dorchester to benefit projects operating within or supporting residents living in the area. In 2019, just over £15,000 was awarded to local community and voluntary organisations in Dorchester.*

*The 2020 Car Boot Fund closes on 30 April, decisions will be made in July and groups will be notified by the end of July. All successful applicants will be invited to a celebration event later on in the year to share news about their projects.*

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## **NHS Health Check Campaign**

*Public Health Dorset are reigniting our NHS Health Check campaign. Throughout February they are encouraging as many eligible people as possible to go and get a health check.*

*Health checks are available for anyone:*

*Aged 40-74*

*Who has not had an NHS Health check in the last five years*

*Who does not have an existing condition (heart disease, diabetes or kidney disease) or had a stroke?*

*They are a free check of your overall health and can help detect whether you're at higher risk of getting certain health problems, such as heart disease, diabetes, kidney disease or stroke. You can also discuss how making small lifestyle changes could help prevent you from getting these serious health conditions.*

*To find out if you are eligible and to find out more about health checks visit: [www.publichealthdorset.org.uk/healthchecks](http://www.publichealthdorset.org.uk/healthchecks) or click the button below.*

[Find out more](#)



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## ***Successful prosecution of Weymouth fly-tipper***

*Enforcement Officers from the Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP), working alongside Dorset Council's legal team, have successfully prosecuted a fly-tipper from Weymouth.*

*Sentenced to a 2-year Conditional Discharge and ordered to pay a total cost of £421, Mr. Grabinski is the latest fly tipper to be brought to justice in the Dorset Council area.*

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## ***Consumer Problems? Advice Needed? Want to report to Trading Standards?***

*There is a new freephone number for residents to call the national Citizens*

*Advice Consumer Service – this service is funded by central Government and is the first point of contact for any consumers needing advice on unfair trading, or unsatisfactory goods and services they have bought, or to report a matter to local Trading Standards.*

*New freephone number for Citizens Advice Consumer Service: 0808 223 1133*

*This replaces the normal rate 03454 04 05 06 number, which will still work and carry an introductory message to invite callers to make use of the freephone number.*

*[Dorset Council website Trading Standards pages](#) direct consumers to more detailed information on the Citizens Advice Consumer Service.*

*To enable Trading Standards to investigate offences and intervene in appropriate cases, referrals from Citizens Advice are made electronically overnight or by instant call contact where required.*

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