

**190610 Cranborne & Alderholt Ward Dorset Council Report for Alderholt
Parish Council**

My previous report was prior to the first Full Council meeting of the new Dorset Council, as you will probably know by now, at that meeting the Council elected Cllr Spencer Flower as Leader, and Cllr Pauline Batstone as Chairman.

The Leader appointed the following members to Cabinet

- [Councillor Spencer Flower](#) Chairman
- [Councillor Peter Wharf](#) Vice-Chairman
- [Councillor Graham Carr-Jones](#) Housing
- [Councillor Anthony Alford](#) Customer, Community and Regulatory Services
- [Councillor Ray Bryan](#) Highways, Travel and Environment
- [Councillor Tony Ferrari](#) Finance, Commercial and Assets
- [Councillor Laura Miller](#) Adult Social Care and Health
- [Councillor Andrew Parry](#) Children, Education and Social Help
- [Councillor Gary Suttle](#) Economic Growth and Skills
- [Councillor David Walsh](#) Planning

The first resolution passed, at that meeting, following a motion from the Liberal Democrat Leader, Nick Ireland was to declare a Climate Emergency, which was passed by an overwhelming majority – only two Councillors voting against – Cllrs R Cook and L O’Leary, and six abstentions, Cllrs C Brooks, G Carr-Jones, T Coombs, C Lugg, A Parry and B Trite.

Over the past couple of weeks Officers have been working with Cllr Ray Bryan and a Climate Emergency Panel will be set up with Cross party support. I’m delighted to be able to announce that I learned today I will be sitting on this panel. Current work is focused on three areas:

Direct Action – Reducing the Council’s own greenhouse Gas emissions

Indirect Action – Influence and leadership through our wider services

Partnership Working – with BCP in a strategy for Renewable Energy, and Energy Efficiency.

I can also Confirm that I will be on the following Committees / Outside bodies

Eastern Area Planning Committee

Strategic Planning Committee

Dorset Waste and Minerals Policy

Strategic Planning Forum

I will be having a meeting with our Highways team on Wednesday 12th June at the Ferndown Depot. If anyone has any points they would like me to raise then please drop me a line as soon as possible.

Members may also be interested to know that Dorset Local Enterprise Panel has ambitions to double the size of the County's economy, and create 80,000 new jobs. They feel that key areas are Aquaculture (fish farming) along with Hi-Tech and creative industries, and agricultural technology. The intention is to improve Dorset's "Brand" as a "Coastal City Region".