

191013 Cranborne & Alderholt Ward Dorset Councillor Report for Alderholt Parish Council

Dorset Council Plan

Dorset Council has now published its Plan for the next four years, identifying both its ambitions and its challenges. Its priorities include Economic Growth, the unique Dorset environment, provision of suitable housing, and the health of both our communities and our residents.

This plan includes the determination to work collaboratively with Parish and Town Councils.

The full plan can be found at:

<https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Dorset-Councils-Plan-2019-v9-LORES.pdf>

Peer Review

The Council has undergone a Peer Review process, after being in existence for 6 months. This process involved a number of members from other Tier 1 Councils and advisory bodies visiting the Council and interviewing a number of Councillors and Officers in order to see how well the new Council was performing, and how well it was handling the transformation process from 6 Councils into 1 Unitary Authority.

At a meeting Friday the results were passed to members, and were generally very positive. The full report will be published shortly.

Speed Indicator Results

Dorset Council Highways are reporting that SID implementation is showing very good results. They evaluated the effectiveness of a recent installation at Wool, which showed that speeds reduced from an 85th Percentile speed of 36.7mph down to 31.7mph after one week, and the number of vehicles exceeding 35mph fell from 696 down to 219.

Dorset Waste Partnership

Dorset Council is reviewing its pay scales for DWP Drivers following the revelation that currently the DWP rate is £9.03/hr – whilst the average starting rate from agencies for similar work is £10.67/hr. The low rate from DWP appears to be responsible for the lack of response for jobs advertised, and a consequent shortage of labour – giving knock on effects on the level of service.

Climate Change

Dorset Council's Low Carbon Dorset programme has been announced as a finalist in this year's national Green Energy Awards.