

# **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

## **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**19th JUNE, 2012**

At a Special Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 19th June, 2012:

**PRESENT** The Mayor (Councillor A.J. Canning) and Councillors V.J. Allan, K.E. Armitage, C.S. Biggs, R.M. Biggs, S.C. Hosford (in the Chair), E.S. Jones, Trevor Jones, T.F. Loakes, R.B. Potter, M.E. Rennie, D.S. Roberts and D. Taylor.

In attendance:  
Councillors T. James and P.G. Mann.

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillors T.C.N. Harries and F.E. Kent-Ledger.

9. **WEST DORSET, WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND DRAFT LOCAL PLAN – PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION**

The Committee welcomed Ms H. Jordan, Spatial & Community Policy Manager to the West Dorset District Council, who was attending the meeting to discuss with Members the new draft Local Plan for West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland.

She informed the Committee that the draft Local Plan set out the long term planning strategy for the area up to the year 2031 and included detailed policies and site proposals for housing, employment, leisure and infrastructure. When the Plan was adopted it would be used to assist in decision making on future planning applications.

The Committee noted that a drop-in event would be held in the Corn Exchange on Tuesday, 26th June between 1.00pm and 7.00pm when there would be further opportunity to ask questions of District Officers.

Members expressed their concern that local residents were unaware of the importance of this document and that the District Council had failed to engage and promote the event in the Corn Exchange adequately.

Following discussion it was

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Town Clerk be requested to approach the West Dorset District Council as a matter of urgency suggesting more publicity for the drop-in session on 26th June.
- (2) That the Town Clerk be requested to prepare a report on the detail of the draft Local Plan for consideration at a Special Meeting Council to be held in mid-July.