Dorset County Council December 2018 Report

**The new “Dorset Council”**

Following his appointment as the Chief Executive of Dorset Council, Matt Prosser is starting the design of the rest of the management structure of the Council. As the Cabinet Member for workforce I am working closely with him planning the next Phase of interviews for the senior executive positions as well as planning out the structure of the organisation going forward. We have agreed there will be four Executive Directors, plus the Director of Public Health, who is shared with the other single authority; Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole. The four Directors will be responsible for Children’s Services; Adult Services; Place; and Corporate Services. The Executive Director responsible for Corporate Services will probably be the Chief Operating Officer and will be the designated Chief Finance Officer.

The work on bringing the services together is being referred to as convergence which will produce considerable savings primarily by the removal of duplication. However, even greater savings will be from what is termed transformation arising from flatter organisation structures, and doing things differently. This will, however, take a few years to fully realise these savings.

**Dorset County Museum**

I am a Trustee of the Museum on behalf of Dorset County Council. In my role I have helped the organisation modernise its business processes and assisted in two major projects. The first is building a new museum with grant aid from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the second was the Dippy on Tour project which was a success beyond our wildest dreams. At the recent 2018 Dorset Tourism Awards, for Dippy on Tour the Museum won both the ‘Tourism Event of the Year’ category and the overall ‘Outstanding Contribution to Dorset Tourism 2018’ award. We are very proud of this for the pleasure it gave to thousands of children (as well as adults) and the estimated £2Million injection it gave to the Dorset economy. Hopefully this link will work to show this.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3eXtZiRMrRw>

**Surgery**

Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the communal Lounge in Turberville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. If you cannot make one of these please email me and I will arrange to come around to see you. If you have any questions or queries related to the business of Dorset County Council please come along. If anyone wants to contact me and cannot get to the surgery my email address is peterwharf@hotmail.com.

Peter Wharf, County Councillor