

Hill Forts Ward Local Government Report to Parish Councils May 2018

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Local Government Re-organisation Programme Development

The LGR programme team is completing the programme design, which will create the new unitary authority 'Dorset Council' for vesting day – 1 April 2019. The LGR programme will have 3 phases: 1) Creation of the new council; 2) Delivering services on 01 April 2019 and 3) Designing and building the new local authority. As part of the LGR programme, a number of task & finish groups have been set up to feed into the work streams, to enable them to deliver the work and changes required.

Local Government Re-organisation Boundary Review

We press-on with the very tight timetable to bring the unitary council to fruition. One of the key work streams is the Boundary Review. You may recall from the previous work in this area that there are rounds of consultation and reviews before a recommendation is made, by the Boundary Commission, to Parliament. There have been a number of road shows across Dorset with the district, borough and county councillors and a report will go to the Dorset Area Joint Committee (DAJC) on 15 May with the proposals for the boundaries. This will then be submitted to Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on 16 May and will then be considered by them and the Boundary Commission. A full public consultation on their draft recommendations (which may be different to the DAJC proposals) will run from 3 July until 27 August. The public consultation will be the opportunity for parishes to consider and respond to the boundary commission on the future.

Superfast Dorset: Full Fibre Internet Connections

Currently homes and businesses can claim a voucher worth up to £3,000 towards future-proof full fibre internet connections. You can find more details in DCC's news release at <https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/2018/04/06/67-million-boost-for-a-full-fibre-future/>

The scheme is only accessible through broadband service providers. Full details and a list of registered suppliers can be seen on the [Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme website](#). Suppliers include Openreach and Dorset-based [Wessex Internet](#), as well as Gigaclear, which we understand is interested in operating in Dorset.

This will work best if local businesses and residents come together and approach a supplier as a group, meaning there may be a need for a degree of local leadership and co-ordination. If any community and/or business would like assistance then please contact Piers, Sherry or Deborah who will be happy to assist.

Dorset Care Record

At present, health and social care organisations in Dorset may hold different sets of records about you. Information in different records may be duplicated or incomplete. Launched in the autumn of last year, the Dorset Care Record is a new confidential computer record that will, over time, include a range of health and social care shared information to help improve the care people receive.

Sharing appropriate information electronically to a single place will offer direct access for authorised health and social care professionals to provide as full a picture as possible of medical history, needs, support and service contacts. It will join records and systems together for the first time in Dorset. In the longer term, the aim is to offer individuals access to their record.

It is closely linked to the Dorset Information Sharing Charter (DISC), which provides Dorset partner agencies with a robust foundation for the lawful, secure and confidential sharing of personal information between themselves and other public, private or voluntary sector organisations that they work, or wish to work in partnership with. The Charter will enable all partner organisations to meet their statutory obligations and share information safely to enable integrated service provision across the county and better care outcome for its residents. Information about DISC can be found at <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/disc>

DISC members include GP surgeries, partners, blue light services and a range of voluntary organisations and schools. The DISC will enable all partner organisations to share information safely and provide a more integrated service for residents.

The Dorset Care Record is a key tool of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) – a national initiative that drives sustainable transformation in health and wellbeing for Dorset residents. This service is designed to provide care closer to home, prevent ill health and reduce inequalities. Understandably, people may have concerns about information confidentiality and security. Answers to these concerns and others can be found at:

<https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/dorset-care-record/faqs/>