

## Our ambitions for the next 5 years:

Keeping council tax to the lowest practical level while safeguarding vital frontline services;

Work constructively with the NHS to help the older generation to age well and enjoy life;

Safeguarding Dorset against inappropriate housing development through the new Local Development Plan;

Creating stronger, healthier community and driving for economic prosperity;

Continue to develop strong partnerships with Town and Parish Councils;

Continue to roll out the Special Needs and Disabilities programme for the young people of Dorset;

Maintain a strong approach to improving our Waste and Recycling services going forward;

Investment in Dorset to bring much needed new investment for our roads network;

Delivering on our 2040 net zero commitment;

Protecting our natural environment, climate and ecology;

Continue to drive a radical change and transformation programme, saving a further £50.0m over the next five years;

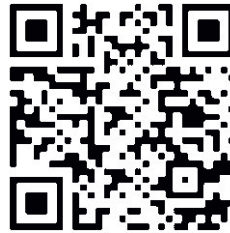
Continue to dispose of or repurpose surplus buildings and land.

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# InTouch

## From Sherborne & Yetminster Conservatives

## Dorset Council spends more on frontline services.

**Since 2019, when Dorset Council was first formed, the Council has been able to spend an extra £115 million on front line services.**

This has been achieved by following a radical transformation programme which has driven out inefficiencies to generate savings following the amalgamation of the six former Dorset councils into one larger Unitary Authority.

As other councils across the country struggle to balance their books Dorset Council with strong financial management enables us to keep control of our finances whilst keeping Council Tax rises to the lowest practical level.

Another example of how Conservative Councils cost you less.

**Look inside to see what this means for you.**



## **Local Conservatives - Active - Visible - Caring - Listening - Putting Residents First.**

**Delivering the benefits of Local Government Reorganisation** - Six councils into one. Driven out efficiency savings of over £115.0m in the first five years all put back into safeguarding local frontline services. In 2019 we promised £70.0m.

**Highways** - Major programme of highways works since May 2019, prioritising potholes and drainage. Our emergency repairs reached 97% of class 1 defects and 95% of class 2 defects on time. Programme of works starts in the Spring of each year.

**Environment** - Climate and Ecological Strategy delivered aims and objectives to move toward our carbon neutral target by 2040. Awarded grant from Government of £19.0m which is invested in projects across Dorset Council owned buildings, including schools and leisure centres to become carbon neutral. Council announced as national finalist for Best Climate Action or Decarbonisation Awards.

**Affordable Housing** - Worked with Registered Providers - offering affordable homes for rent or shared ownership. Also invested in additional short term homeless accommodation reducing B&B dependency.

**Communities** - Many grants have been awarded to local good causes through Community Grants Scheme. Grants are agreed annually unless Service Level Agreements are agreed typically giving a three-year certainty of funding.

**Waste Services** - High standard of kerbside collections, with near 90% resident satisfaction Rating. Figures from the DEFRA showed that Dorset recycled 59.7% of its waste, ranking the council 11th out of 351 local authorities.

**Adult Social Care** - 30% of the population is over 65 years old and rising, against a national average of 19%, an extra challenge for Dorset. Worked in partnership with the NHS to invest in the delivery of vital social care maintaining quality of provision. Created Care Dorset to further improve services within tight financial constraints. First CQC Inspection gave positive feedback.

**Children's Services** - Comprehensive service transformation protecting our most vulnerable young people. Safeguarding priority taken very seriously. The last OFSTED inspection rated Dorset Council GOOD for service delivery and OUTSTANDING for leadership. On going Investment of over £40 million in schools for special educational needs improving outcomes for the young people of Dorset.

**Worked with local communities finding ways to meet their needs and aspirations - keeping actions local.**