

DISCTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT MAY/JUNE 2018 CLLR JANE SOMPER CLLR EMMA PARKER

DORSET AREA JOINT COMMITTEE

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DORSET COUNCIL SHADOW AUTHORITY

Work is currently underway in preparation for the first meeting of the shadow authority with all members of the six councils taking part. This needs to be held within 14 days of the make of the Structural Change Order. The first meeting is scheduled to take place mid June.

There will be 206 Shadow Authority Council seats across the Dorset Area represented by 175 councillors (taking in to account twin hatters). The SA will have a shadow executive committee of 20 members providing a balance of representation from the Dorset Area. The first meeting will appoint the executive committee, which will take charge of the vast majority of the transition function and secondly to agree the new council's budget.

The Structural Change Order states there will be under 100 councillors in the new authority 'Dorset Council'. A ward boundary review is being undertaken to look at the existing wards and any changes can be implemented prior to elections in May 2019. There will be a full consultation on the boundaries.

The new authority will go live on 1st April 2019 and any slippage we have until then will challenge the programme!

Work is progressing to finalise the programme structure which is divided in to workstreams. The scoping workshops, service continuity workhops and Member task and finish groups inform these workstreams and will inform the safe and legal delivery of the new council.