

22 July 2022 – Item 5c Constitution Changes DAPTC

Proposed amendments to Constitution of the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC)

Background

The formation of the two new unitary authorities in Dorset, brought the former parish councils in Christchurch Borough into the new Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole Council (BCP). Prior to this, the two parish councils in Christchurch Borough were members of the DAPTC Eastern Area Committee whose parish councils now come within Dorset Council.

In addition, a number of community groups in the former Bournemouth and Poole Boroughs opted to form parish councils following the formation of the two new unitary authorities.

In order to accommodate these new parish councils and the two former Christchurch Borough parish councils into the DAPTC Area Committee structure, it is felt necessary to create a new Area Committee for the BCP area.

Annex A to the DAPTC Constitution will need to be amended. The representation of the new committee on the DAPTC Executive Committee is covered under subparagraph 10(a)(iii) of the Constitution which defines the voting membership of the County Executive Committee:- specifically – ‘ Two full members elected annually by each Area Committee Meeting. Each Area Committee Meeting will also elect one reserve member who will attend if a full member is unable to do so. At least two of the three so elected must, at the date of election to the Executive Committee, be councillors of member councils.

Amendment

Therefore, the proposed amendments to ANNEX A to the DAPTC Constitution – DAPTC AREAS are:-

Line 1 - replace ‘five’ with ‘six’

Item 2, lines 1 & 2 – remove ‘..and parishes in the former Borough of Christchurch’ and insert a full stop after ‘..East Dorset District’

New item 6 – ‘ Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Area comprising those towns and parishes in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council area.’