

Date: 1 August 2007

To: Chairman/Mayor of all Town and Parish Councils  
c/o Town or Parish Clerk

Dear Chairman/Mayor

### **TOUGH CHOICES: LOCAL DELIVERY PROJECT**

Thank you very much to those who were represented at the meeting on 25 July 2007. The comments and questions which came out of the meeting were very helpful and will guide our discussions and information giving for the future.

In a large group it is impossible for everyone to ask questions or comments so if the meeting raised queries for you, or if you were unable to attend, do contact ourselves, the Chief Executive (e-mail: [lgoodall@north-dorset.gov.uk](mailto:lgoodall@north-dorset.gov.uk), tel: 01258 484140) or Stephen Hill (e-mail: [shill@north-dorset.gov.uk](mailto:shill@north-dorset.gov.uk), tel: 01258 484034).

We enclose a copy of the presentation, for information.

Pen portraits of the services and detailed costings have been sent to the Parish Clerks and a 'ready reckoner' was available at the meeting; electronic or paper copies can be obtained by contacting Emily Garnham (e-mail: [egarnham@north-dorset.gov.uk](mailto:egarnham@north-dorset.gov.uk), tel: 01258 484132). A copy will also be made available on the internet ([www.north-dorset.gov.uk](http://www.north-dorset.gov.uk)).

Some individual suggestions came out of the meeting, for example:

1. To help clerks with the volume of papers by providing a précis.
2. To put the information on the website so councillors can gain access to it.

We will do both of these. A link to 'Local Delivery' information can be found on the front page.

At the meeting, there was some consensus that the next step would be for parishes to discuss the scope for joint action with their appropriate towns. The contact details of the Town Clerks are as follows:

Blandford Forum	Town Clerk: Trevor Savage	Tel: 01258 454500
Gillingham	Town Clerk: Sylvia Dobie	Tel: 01747 823588
Shaftesbury	Town Clerk: Nicola Merefield	Tel: 01747 852420
Stalbridge	Town Clerk: Diana Hine	Tel: 01963 364276
Sturminster Newton	Town Clerk: Mal Derricott	Tel: 01258 475136

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Town Councils are planning Roadshows in each area in partnership with the relevant community partnership and the District Council. These are intended to provide more information and an opportunity for further consultation with the intention of reaching agreement in principle by the end of September 2007. We understand that the DAPTC is planning a further meeting early September which will focus on Local Delivery.

Yours sincerely

**Peter Webb**  
**Leader, North Dorset District Council**

**David Milsted**  
**Leader of the Lib Dem Group, NDDC**  
**Leader, Local Delivery Working Party**

c.c. All Attendees at Meeting  
Town and Parish Clerks  
David Webb, DAPTC  
North Dorset District Councillors