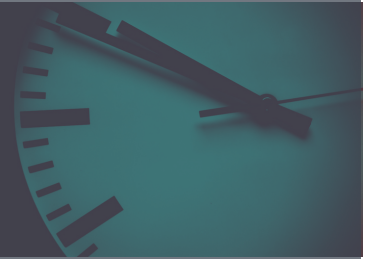


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### COUNTDOWN TO 1 APRIL 2019

#### 194 DAYS TO GO

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### PROPOSED CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR DORSET COUNCIL ANNOUNCED

The Shadow Senior Appointments Committee has recommended that Matt Prosser should be appointed as the Chief Executive of Dorset Council.



This recommendation will be put forward to the full Shadow Council at its meeting on 27 September for agreement. The recommendation for appointment follows a thorough recruitment process which started in early June, overseen by independent advisors.

Matt is currently Chief Executive of Dorset Councils Partnership (serving North Dorset, West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland councils) and is the Interim Shadow Head of Paid Service for Dorset Council.

### RECRUITING SENIOR EXECUTIVES

On 17 September, members of the Shadow Executive Committee considered and agreed on a proposed structure for Tier 2 (senior managers for the new Dorset Council). This is the next level to the Chief Executive post and only includes Senior Executive and statutory posts at this stage. The recruitment process for Tier 2 posts will begin in early autumn 2018.



### MYTHBUSTER: HEAD OFFICE FOR DORSET COUNCIL?



We're aware that there has been a lot of discussion about whether South Walks House (SWH) will be the head office of Dorset Council. We can confirm that at present, this is not the case. In line with the approved constitution, SWH will be the registered office address for administrative purposes (e.g. banking, PAYE, VAT and legal) and will likely continue to be the democratic base, as it has been for the Shadow Council meetings to date. However, no decisions have yet been made on the future use of buildings.

### COUNCIL TAX HARMONISATION (CTH)



The Dorset Area Joint Committee agreed an approach to CTH which is now with the Secretary of State for consideration. The proposal is for all areas within Dorset Council to have the same council tax from 1 April 2019. The CTH parameters will be set out in the Draft Finance Consequential Order which is due to be issued later this autumn. Once this is confirmed, the Shadow Dorset Council will be able to set its CTH strategy which will inform the budget for the new council.

