

**Cllr David Flagg**  
**Questions asked at Bournemouth, Christchurch**  
**and Poole Joint Committee**  
**15 December 2017**

**Question 1. What was the cost in 2016/17 of services provided by Dorset County Council to residents in Christchurch and to how many users was each service provided; what is the estimated cost of those costs for 2017/18?**

This work is currently underway as part of the disaggregation work stream and will be reported to the Joint Committee in the new year.

**Question 2. What was the yield of income to Dorset County Council from the council tax precept on residents in Christchurch in 2016/17 and what is the projected yield for 2017/18?**

The yield of income to Dorset County Council from Council tax precept on residents in Christchurch was £24.7m (£24,679,096) in 2016-17 and £26.0m (£26,038,497) in 2017-18.

**Question 3. If the Joint Committee will publish the outcome of the study into the financial impact of disaggregation of services provided by Dorset County Council to Christchurch residents consequent upon the creation of a new unitary authority comprising Christchurch, Bournemouth and Poole?**

A report will be made to the Joint Committee in the new year that will set out the outcome of the disaggregation workstream which is underway at this time.

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**Question 1. What is the of the most recent cost benefit analysis and business plan in support of the proposals for the creation of a new unitary authority covering Christchurch, Bournemouth and Poole and if the Joint Committee will update that information to the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and publish it so it is available for residents wishing to make representations to the Secretary of State arising from his written statement of 7<sup>th</sup> November?**

The Joint Committee considers that the initial submission which demonstrated that the five tests set by DCLG can be met regarding local government reorganisation continues to reflect the benefits that can be achieved. The work that has taken place since has been focused on the delivery of two unitary councils with much work now underway on disaggregation of services and detailed council tax modelling.

**Question 2. If the Joint Committee will make it its policy to place a maximum limit of £95,000 on any exit payment to any employee of a Dorset council affected by local government reorganisation?**

The Joint Committee is aware that regulations do not yet exist that create the public sector exit cap itself. The treasury have had the power to bring forward regulations since 1 February 2017, but they have not yet done so. Until this is the case the Joint Committee will not implement anything other than what is with the current regulations.

**Question 3. If the Joint Committee will publish a full financial evaluation of Bournemouth and Poole joining together as one unitary authority and the remainder of Dorset continuing as a two tier structure together with evidence as to whether such an alternative would be less or more expensive than the proposal in Option 2b?**

The Joint Committee does not intend to consider any other options than that submitted to the Secretary of State in February 2017.