

Dorset Council

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Some introductions

Thank you!



**Support to
the people
of Dorset**



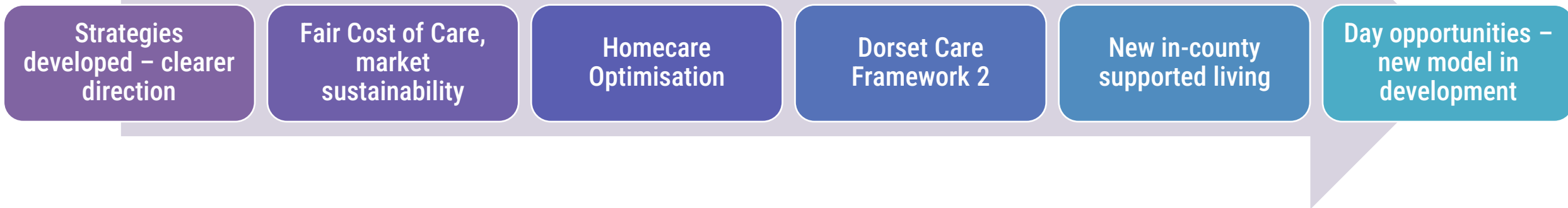
**Positive
engagement with us
in a fast-moving
and challenging
environment**



**Opportunity
to be here, to
connect and
talk**

Our ASC journey over the past 2-3 years...

The commissioning perspective...



Improved insight into care business locally

Clearer contracting and purchasing arrangements

Emphasis on partnerships and relationships, not just transactions

Changing the conversation – where do we come together on common business challenges?



**Adult social care
nationally is in a very
challenging place...**

**...and it goes without
saying that this challenge
is being felt here in Dorset.**

The financial outlook

Current position



Adult Social Care forecasting £7.6m overspend for this year



We are currently supporting 168 more people than we were this time last year, at a full annual cost of ca. £7.5m p.a.

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Our pressures for next year currently predicted at £23m – this includes initial allocations to meet inflation requirements



However, we have no additional central Government market sustainability funding coming to us



Overall for the Council, we have a £35m budget gap to close – savings and cost containment proposals are being developed

Post-Budget



National Living Wage and the Employers' National Insurance changes are a further pressure



Currently, we await details of any funds to meet the direct costs to the council as an employer



The sector is not confident that funds will be provided to meet the cost of contracted services – including, of course, social care



We have modelled something in the region of £6-8m additional cost to meet the pressures in our contracted services

What can we do together

Deliver

- Homecare zoning
- Trusted assessment and review
- Use of TEC
- Understanding need better; meeting need more effectively

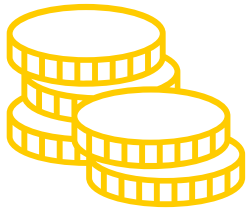
Transact

- Payment arrangements
- How we exchange routine information – quality, voids, availability
- Are there options to explore for supporting you with collaborative purchasing, e.g. insurance, IT...?

Make the case

- Lobbying government
- Making the case locally and celebrating the impact of our work on the people of the county

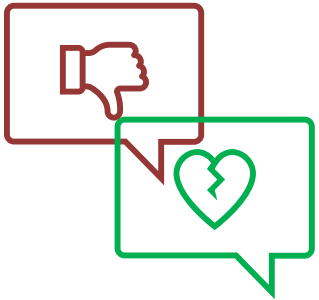
DCA – what it means for us



**We have put in
resources to support
DCA to be effective**



**DCA have delivered some
crucial programmes with us**
(Trusted Assessment, International
Recruitment)



**A voice for the sector –
we welcome the
constructive challenge**



**A voice for the sector – we
welcome being able to join
forces to shout about the
adult social care sector**



**Confidence that there is
a support mechanism
for providers**



We want to hear from you!

We know we don't always get it right! We will listen, but also be clear where we disagree.

We are grappling daily with trying to balance the support needs of individuals and the overall need of a whole population – and that needs difficult conversations.

Engage with our strategies, plans and county-wide programmes for change – we need your voice and views

Are there other ideas?
What are we missing?!

and again...
Thank you
...for listening.