

Digital Innovation Dynamic Purchasing System

Dorset Council - Background

The council was formed in 2019 and is the unitary authority providing most local council services in the rural part of the county.

Strategic context

The [Dorset Council Plan](#) includes a Key Cabinet Commitment around Digital Innovation, pledging to: "Continue to pioneer new technologies and create the foundations for long-term economic prosperity. We will work to safeguard and encourage job retention and growth, working with the private sector."

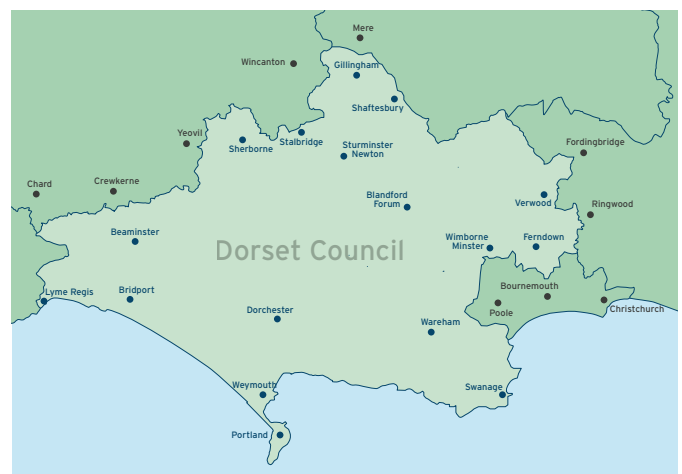
This commitment underpins all five strategic priorities in the Council Plan, particularly our desire to drive economic prosperity.

Our digital innovation ambition flows through supporting strategic plans including the council's [Economic Growth Strategy](#). The innovation section says we will:

- Work with partners to enable innovation to increase productivity, provide higher skilled jobs and work towards a zero-carbon economy.
- Drive innovation through the council's procurement of goods and services

- Promote inward investment in Dorset to innovative sectors and companies
- Encourage incubation of innovative business

This Digital Innovation Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) is one tool designed to deliver on those strategic aims.



We aspire to be a digital
council in a digital place.



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How we will use the DPS

Projects such as the multi award-winning [5G Rural Dorset project](#) and [Dorset Open Networks Ecosystem Project](#) have earned us a reputation for world-class R&D supporting digital innovation.

We have developed an innovation ecosystem of local, national and international partners across public sector, academia, research and industry.

We aim to scale and diversify this ecosystem to achieve our strategic aims around economic growth and social opportunity. Creating a nationally significant innovation capability in sectors where we have strengths such as defence, security and agri-tech will, we believe, create additional inward investment.

A DPS is unlike a traditional framework for the supply of goods, works or services. It is an electronic system which

suppliers can join at any time. An 'open market' solution, a DPS is designed to give buyers access to a pool of pre-qualified suppliers.

This DPS will allow the council to:

- Identify organisations looking to work with it/partners on digital innovation initiatives
- Make organisations aware of opportunities to work with the council and its digital innovation partners
- Publish details of services and projects to allow organisations to compete for opportunities
- Contract with organisations in an open and transparent way which meets procurement regulations and supports the council's strategic aims above
- Grow the Dorset innovation ecosystem

Scope of requirements

The individual requirements published via the DPS could cover anything classed as digital innovation products and services. It could, for example, cover hardware, software and "as a service" solutions.

If you are keen to work with and supply products/services to an innovative area with a national reputation for digital innovation, we urge you to [register for the DPS here](#).

