



# CHAR VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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16<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Cllr. Bryan,

## Representation from Char Valley Parish Council on Dorset's Draft Cultural Strategy 2021-26

At its latest monthly meeting on 8th February, Char Valley Parish Council voted unanimously to contact Dorset Council about Dorset's Draft Cultural Strategy (2021-2026), being developed as a Service Level Agreement for Dorset Council by the Arts Development Company. This was presented at an important DAPTC meeting hosted by Neil Wedge. CVPC noted that Dorset's Draft Cultural Strategy lists 3 Overarching Priorities:

- **COMMUNITY:** We will make cultural experiences part of the everyday for everyone
- **CULTURAL COUNTY:** We will build a strong cultural community which will be sustainable with a diverse creative ecology
- **ENVIRONMENT:** We will be a county of culture with green credentials, using culture and creativity to tackle the climate emergency is includes

However, the draft strategy then lists nine Ambition Statements, none of which makes any direct or indirect reference to either the climate emergency or to the ecological emergency.

Char Valley Parish Council voted unanimously to ask Dorset Council to include the Climate and Ecological Emergency in ALL nine ambition statements that make up the Draft Cultural Strategy.

Char Valley Parish Council further voted unanimously to ask Dorset Council to extend its consultation on its draft Cultural Strategy and to invite wider feedback from the general public and from Parish and Town Councils.

Yours sincerely,

**Hilary Joyce**

*Chair Char Valley Parish Council*

**CVPC**

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