

# Structure of Dorset Councils

**Level One**

Controlling Party  
Minister

**Level Two**

Controlling Party  
Population Estimate  
Leader  
CEO

**Level Three**

Controlling Party  
Population Estimate  
Leader  
CEO

**Level Four  
Examples**

**Central Government**

Conservative  
Greg Clark

**Dorset County Council**

Conservative  
423,000  
Robert Gould  
Debbie Ward

**Bournemouth**

Conservative  
191,000  
John Beesley  
Tony Williams

**Poole**

Conservative  
148,000  
Janet Walton  
Andrew Flockhart

**Christchurch**

Conservative  
54,000  
Ray Nottage  
David McIntosh

Burton  
Hurn

**East Dorset**

Conservative  
88,000  
Spencer Flower  
David McIntosh

Ferndown  
Verwood  
Wimborne

**North Dorset**

Conservative  
70,000  
Deborah Croney  
Matt Prosser

Blandford  
Gillingham  
Shaftsbury

**Purbeck**

None  
46,000  
Garry Suttle  
Steve Mackenzie

**West Dorset**

Conservative  
100,000  
Anthony Alford  
Matt Prosser

Bridport  
Dorchester  
Sherborne

**Weymouth and Portland**

None  
65,000  
TBA  
Matt Prosser