PROPOSED RESOLUTION

In the light of recent concern on preparedness for malicious attacks upon infrastructure and also more generally, local councils' need for emergency planning, we note that following the unexceptional circumstances of storm damage to a BT landline, much of the village of Kingston was without digital communications (that is broadband, telephone, on-line services including news) for almost two weeks between 25th October and 6th November 2026 (current date proposed), apparently due to the inability to arrange traffic control measures deemed necessary for safe repair.

Dorset Council is asked to consider whether its procedures or those of BT Openreach were adequate or sufficiently flexible in this case and whether this has any implications for more complex circumstances.