

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE SHADOW AUTHORITY
6 June 2018

PRESENT:

Councillor	Authority	Councillor	Authority
Janet Abbott	Christchurch	Colin Jamieson *	Christchurch
John Adams	Bournemouth	Colin Jamieson *	Dorset
Peter Adams	Poole	Patricia Jamieson	Christchurch
Elaine Atkinson	Poole	Cheryl Johnson	Bournemouth
Stephen Bartlett	Bournemouth	Andy Jones	Bournemouth
Claire Bath	Christchurch	David Jones *	Christchurch
Mark Battistini	Bournemouth	David Jones *	Dorset
David Brown	Poole	Denise Jones	Christchurch
Simon Bull	Bournemouth	Jane Kelly	Bournemouth
Colin Bungey	Christchurch	David Kelsey	Bournemouth
Les Burden	Poole	Ian Lancashire	Bournemouth
Judy Butt	Poole	Robert Lawton	Bournemouth
John Challinor	Poole	Marion Le Poidevin	Poole
Robert Chapman	Bournemouth	Gina Mackin	Bournemouth
Ian Clark	Bournemouth	Roger Marley	Bournemouth
Blair Crawford	Bournemouth	Chris Mayne	Bournemouth
Bernie Davis	Christchurch	Don McQueen	Bournemouth
Norman Decent	Bournemouth	Sandra Moore	Poole
Lesley Dedman *	Christchurch	Frederick Neale	Christchurch
Lesley Dedman *	Dorset	David Newell	Poole
Sally Derham Wilkes	Christchurch	Jane Newell	Poole
Xena Dion	Poole	Ray Nottage - Chairman	Christchurch
David d'Orton-Gibson	Bournemouth	Pat Oakley	Bournemouth
Bobbie Dove	Bournemouth	Ron Parker	Poole
Beverley Dunlop	Bournemouth	Susan Phillips	Bournemouth
Jackie Edwards	Bournemouth	Margaret Phipps *	Christchurch
Malcolm Farrell	Poole	Margaret Phipps *	Dorset
Laurence Fear	Bournemouth	Marion Pope	Poole
Anne Filer	Bournemouth	Ian Potter	Poole
Michael Filer	Bournemouth	Lynda Price	Bournemouth
Mike Fisher	Poole	John Rampton	Poole
David Flagg	Christchurch	Karen Rampton	Poole
Tavis Fox	Christchurch	Chris Rochester	Bournemouth
Sean Gabriel	Poole	Louise Russell	Poole
Andy Garner-Watts	Poole	Vikki Slade	Poole
Nick Geary	Christchurch	David Smith	Bournemouth
Wendy Grace	Christchurch	Lisle Smith	Christchurch
Mike Greene	Bournemouth	Susan Spittle	Christchurch
Nicola Greene	Bournemouth	Philip Stanley-Watts	Bournemouth
Vishal Gupta	Poole	Ann Stribley - Vice-Chair	Poole
Andy Hadley	Poole	Ray Tindle	Poole
May Haines	Poole	Russell Trent	Poole
Peter Hall *	Christchurch	John Trickett	Bournemouth
Peter Hall *	Dorset	Chris Wakefield	Bournemouth
Vicki Hallam	Christchurch	Janet Walton	Poole
Nigel Hedges	Bournemouth	Trevor Watts	Christchurch
Paul Hilliard	Christchurch	Michael Weinhonig	Bournemouth
Mark Howell	Poole	Mike Wilkins	Poole
Mohan Iyengar	Poole	Lindsay Wilson	Poole

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The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

Note: To see a copy of the public reports that were considered by the Committee at this meeting please visit:

<https://bcpshadowauthority.wordpress.com/meetings/>

1. APOLOGIES

The Monitoring Officer, Bournemouth and Poole read out the following apologies which had been received for the meeting:

Councillor	Authority
Mark Anderson	Bournemouth
Sue Anderson	Bournemouth
Amedeo Angiolini	Bournemouth
Julie Bagwell	Poole
John Beesley	Bournemouth
Derek Borthwick	Bournemouth
Philip Broadhead	Bournemouth
Mike Brooke	Poole
Eddie Coope	Bournemouth
Malcolm Davies	Bournemouth
Phil Eades	Poole
Jennie Hodges	Poole
Trish Jamieson	Christchurch
Ian Lancashire	Bournemouth
John Lofts	Christchurch
Stephen MacLoughlin	Bournemouth
Drew Mellor	Poole
Andrew Morgan	Bournemouth
Peter Pawlowski	Poole
John Perkins	Bournemouth
Nick Rose	Bournemouth
Allister Russell	Bournemouth
Gill Seymour	Bournemouth
Rae Stollard	Bournemouth
Mike White	Poole
Emma Williams	Poole
Lawrence Williams	Bournemouth
Graham Wilson	Poole
Kieron Wilson	Bournemouth

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Councillor David Flagg, Leader of Christchurch Borough Council made a statement declaring a potential conflict of interest due to the legal challenge issued by Christchurch Borough Council on the proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Dorset. In making the statement Councillor Flagg indicated that it was accepted that the Structural Change Order was currently in place but if the application for a judicial review goes forward to a full hearing then the Council was likely to seek interim relief.

He explained that because of the impending judicial review, Members were advised that there was a potential conflict of interest should a Christchurch Member be elected to any position on the Shadow Authority. Councillor Flagg acknowledged that there was a statutory duty upon Christchurch Borough Council to co-operate with the Shadow Authority and that Members would ensure that the Council fulfils its legal obligations.

He reported that in accordance with Christchurch Borough Council's mandate, Members would undertake the necessary actions to protect the interests of the residents of the ancient Borough. He explained that Members would withdraw from the meeting until the judicial review had been dealt with.

The Monitoring Officer, Bournemouth and Poole advised that it was lawful for the Christchurch Borough Council Members to remain and take part in the meeting.

The following Members withdrew from the meeting:

Councillor Janet Abbott
Councillor Colin Bungey
Councillor Lesley Dedman
Councillor Sally Derham Wilkes
Councillor David Flagg
Councillor Nick Geary
Councillor Peter Hall
Councillor Paul Hilliard
Councillor Colin Jamieson
Councillor David Jones
Councillor Denise Jones
Councillor Fred Neale
Councillor Margaret Phipps

There were no other declarations of interest made.

(Note the above Members withdrew at 7.07 pm)

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That Councillor Ray Nottage be elected Chairman of the Shadow Authority.

In taking the Chair Councillor Nottage thanked Members and in particular for all the work undertaken in reaching this historic day.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillors Ann Stribley and David Brown were moved and seconded as nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Shadow Authority.

Members agreed to hear from each nominee prior to voting on the election of the Vice-Chairman. Each Councillor outlined their experience for the role.

DECISION MADE:

That Councillor Ann Stribley be elected Vice-Chairman of the Shadow Authority.

5. ADOPTION OF THE SHADOW AUTHORITY CONSTITUTION, INCORPORATING STANDING ORDERS; CODE OF CONDUCT AND SCHEME OF ALLOWANCES

The Shadow Authority considered a report of the Monitoring Officer, Bournemouth and Poole. The report set out the recommendation of the Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Joint Committee to the Shadow Authority that it adopt the Constitution at Appendix 1 to the report to be the Constitution of the Shadow Authority. The Constitution included the relevant Standing Orders, Code of Conduct for Members, and Scheme of Allowances.

DECISION MADE:

That the Constitution attached at Appendix 1 to the report circulated with the agenda be adopted.

6. DESIGNATION OF INTERIM STATUTORY OFFICERS

The Shadow Authority considered a report of the Head of HR, Bournemouth and Poole which set out the recommendations of the Joint Committee regarding designation of interim statutory officers as required by the Structural Change Order.

A Member indicated that he knew nothing about the proposed interim Head of Paid Service and suggested a short presentation be made. A Member explained that the recommendations were from the Joint Committee and the necessary HR processes had been followed.

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A Member raised concerns regarding the subsidiary role of returning officer for the Head of the Paid Service and the Data Protection Officer role for the Monitoring Officer. Members were advised that the designation of returning officer was interim pending the recruitment of the Chief Executive.

The Monitoring Officer, Bournemouth and Poole reported that the Shadow Executive Committee was expected to receive a report at its first meeting on senior appointments and it was highly likely that the appointment of the Chief Executive for the new authority would be made before the elections in May 2019. In respect of the designation of the Data Protection Officer this was a holding position pending review.

DECISION MADE:

1. That the Shadow Authority designates the following officers as interim statutory officers of the Shadow Authority:

Interim Head of Paid Service - Jane Portman
Interim Monitoring Officer - Tanya Coulter
Interim Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer - Adam Richens

2. That the Shadow Authority designates the interim Head of Paid Service to be the Returning Officer pursuant to Paragraph 13(8) of the Structural Changes Order.
3. That the Shadow Authority shall designate its main office for the purposes of the legal requirement to do so as the main office of the interim Head of Paid Service.
4. That the Shadow Authority designates its interim Monitoring Officer to be its Data Protection Officer pursuant to the General Data Protection Regulations.

7. POLITICAL BALANCE OF THE SHADOW AUTHORITY AND NOMINATIONS

The Shadow Authority considered a report asking to approve the political balance and the proposed allocation of seats, confirm the nominations for the Executive Committee as nominated by Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole constituent authorities and approve the nominations for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Standards Committee and Senior Appointments Committee.

The Chairman reported that he would take each of the recommendations set out in the report separately.

A Member commented on the role of the Leader of the Shadow Authority and in his position as an opposition member having an opportunity to hear from candidates on their proposals. It was confirmed that the election of the Chairman of the Shadow Executive Committee who would fulfil the role of Leader of the Council would be undertaken at the Shadow Executive Committee on 15 June 2018.

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A Poole Member reported that he would be voting against the recommendation confirming the Shadow Executive Committee Membership. He explained that at the Borough of Poole the proposals had been dealt with through the approval of the outside bodies report and he felt they should have been dealt with by a separate item.

The Monitoring Officer reported on the proportion of the seats, the allocation to political groups and those unallocated seats on the three Committees. She reported on the nominations and Members commented on the vacancies on each body and how these could be dealt with. The Shadow Authority in addition to the nominations from the Groups considered filling the vacancy on the Standards Committee.

DECISION MADE:

1. That the political balance of the Shadow Authority as set out in the report be approved.
2. That the allocation of seats for Committees as set out in the report be approved.
3. That the nominations for the Executive Committee, as nominated by Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole constituent authorities detailed in paragraph 3 of the report be confirmed.
4. That the following Members be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Standards Committee and Senior Appointments Committee:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrats Group	Poole People, Green and Independent Group	Others
Jane Newell	Mike Brooke	Marion Pope	
Ron Parker			
Malcolm Farrell			
Mark Anderson			
David d'Orton-Gibson			
Ian Clark			
Chris Wakefield			
Michael Weinhonig			
Claire Bath			
Lisle Smith			
Susan Spittle			

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Standards Committee

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrats Group	Poole People, Green and Independent Group	Others
Mohan Iyengar			Stephen Bartlett
Andy Garner-Watts			
Beverley Dunlop			
Bob Chapman			

Senior Appointments Committee

Conservative Group	Liberal Democrats Group	Poole People, Green and Independent Group	Others
Janet Walton	David Brown		
Mike White			
John Beesley			
Nicola Greene			
David d'Orton-Gibson			

Note: Councillors David Brown, Russell Trent, Mark Howell, Marion Le Poidevin, Sandra Moore, Vikki Slade and Andy Hadley wished to be recorded as voting against the decision at 3 above.

8. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN

The relevant Members of the individual Committees voted on the election of Chairmen and Vice-chairmen as detailed below:

Committee	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Overview and Scrutiny	Michael Weinhonig	Lisle Smith
Standards	Beverley Dunlop	Mohan Iyengar

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee reported on their experience in fulfilling their new role.

The Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Senior Appointments Committee was deferred to the first meeting of the Committee.

9. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

DECISION MADE:

1. That meetings of the Shadow Authority will take place in the following months:
 - October 2018
 - February 2019

and that the final dates of the meetings be agreed by the Chairman and Vice- Chairman of the Shadow Authority.
2. That meetings of the Shadow Executive Committee will be held on a monthly basis and that the calendar of meetings for this body will be agreed at its first meeting and subsequently published on the Authority's website be noted.
3. That the calendar of meetings of the other committees will be agreed by the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the respective committees and published on the Authority's website in due course be noted.

The Chairman reported on this historic day and the development of the proposals which were underpinned by value for money principles. He highlighted the need for communication with residents and the support he would provide. He referred to the role of Shadow Executive Committee, the potential level of savings, better services, more growth and enterprise with well-being at the heart of the proposals.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

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