

Notice of Cabinet

Date: Wednesday, 28 July 2021 at 10.00 am

Venue: Committee Suite, Civic Centre, Poole BH15 2RU



Membership:

Chairman:

Cllr D Mellor

Vice Chairman:

Cllr P Broadhead

Cllr M Anderson

Cllr M Greene

Cllr N Greene

Cllr M Haines

Cllr M Iyengar

Cllr R Lawton

Cllr K Rampton

Cllr M White

Lead Members

Cllr H Allen

Cllr S Baron

Cllr N Brooks

Cllr B Dove

Cllr B Dunlop

Cllr J Kelly

All Members of the Cabinet are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

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If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Sarah Culwick (01202 817615) or email democratic.services@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

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Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

Declaring interests at meetings

Familiarise yourself with the Councillor Code of Conduct which can be found in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution.

Before the meeting, read the agenda and reports to see if the matters to be discussed at the meeting concern your interests

Do any matters being discussed at the meeting relate to your registered interests?

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Yes

Declare the nature of the interest

Do NOT participate in the item at the meeting. Do NOT speak or vote on the item EXCEPT where you hold a dispensation

You are advised to leave the room during the debate

Local Interest

Yes

Declare the nature of the interest

Applying the bias and pre-determination tests means you may need to refrain from speaking and voting

You may also need to leave the meeting. Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer

No

Do you have a personal interest in the matter?

Yes

Consider the bias and pre-determination tests

You may need to refrain from speaking & voting

You may also need to leave the meeting. Please seek advice

No

You can take part in the meeting speak and vote

What are the principles of bias and pre-determination and how do they affect my participation in the meeting?

Bias and predetermination are common law concepts. If they affect you, your participation in the meeting may call into question the decision arrived at on the item.

Bias Test

In all the circumstances, would it lead a fair minded and informed observer to conclude that there was a real possibility or a real danger that the decision maker was biased?

Predetermination Test

At the time of making the decision, did the decision maker have a closed mind?

If a councillor appears to be biased or to have predetermined their decision, they must NOT participate in the meeting.

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer
(susan.zeiss@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Selflessness

Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

Integrity

Councillors must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships

Objectivity

Councillors must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias

Accountability

Councillors are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this

Openness

Councillors should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing

Honesty & Integrity

Councillors should act with honesty and integrity and should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned

Leadership

Councillors should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs

AGENDA

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence from Councillors.

2. Declarations of Interests

Councillors are requested to declare any interests on items included in this agenda. Please refer to the workflow on the preceding page for guidance.

Declarations received will be reported at the meeting.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 23 June 2021.

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4. Public Issues

To receive any public questions, statements or petitions submitted in accordance with the Constitution. Further information on the requirements for submitting these is available to view at the following link:-

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bcr=1>

The deadline for the submission of public questions is 4 clear working days before the meeting.

The deadline for the submission of a statement is midday the working day before the meeting.

The deadline for the submission of a petition is 10 working days before the meeting.

5. Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Board

To consider recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Board on items not otherwise included on the Cabinet Agenda.

6. Council Highway Inspection Policy

To seek approval of BCP Council's harmonised Highway Inspection Policy to ensure the council meets its responsibilities in line with the Code of Practice 'Well managed highway infrastructure' 2016.

The developed Highway Inspection Policy is the primary evidence used by the authority in any defence against third party claims on the highway, under Section 41 or 58 of the Highways Act 1980.

Highway safety inspections are designed to ensure the network is safe and routinely checked for defects, which may have the potential to create injury or disruption to users of the highway network. The current Code of Practice recommends that the safety inspection and defect repair regimes should be based on risk, in accordance with local needs, context and priorities. There are no longer prescriptive or minimum standards published at which an

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authority should intervene and repair a defect. It is for local authorities to determine appropriate levels of service and be able to demonstrate clearly what has informed that approach.

7. Progress in delivery equalities across BCP 2021

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The Equality and Diversity Annual report provides an update on how the council is progressing with embedding equality and diversity in the way it plans, develops, and delivers services and in discharging its public sector equality duty.

The report sets out the Equality Footprint which reinforces the commitments to equality expressed in the council's corporate strategy and the vision of the Big Plan.

The report also identifies some of the actions the council needs to take to realise the ambitions of the Equality Footprint and to achieve the excellence level of the Equality Framework for Local Government.

8. 2020/21 Quarter 4 Performance Report

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This report provides an overview of performance against the priorities set out in the Corporate Strategy for the financial year 2020/21.

It has been informed by the basket of measures agreed as part of the creation of the delivery plans for 2020/21, for each of the council priorities.

Year one of BCP Council was used to collect baseline performance data and this has been used to set performance targets and intervention levels.

Quarter 4 performance has been reported against these and informs the RAG ratings for each of the measures. It is presented across interactive performance dashboards for each of the council priorities.

Performance against the priorities is generally strong with only eight of the performance measures requiring action. These are addressed in more detail in exception reports, attached as appendix 2 to the report.

9. BCP Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

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The report seeks approval to undertake public consultation on the BCP Local Plan Issues and Options Draft.

An Initial Local Plan Issues and Call for site's consultation was undertaken in late 2019, this draft now identifies particular planning issues that need considering and suggests options to address those issues.

The consultation will seek the public and other stakeholders views on regenerating our town centres, meeting our housing and employment needs, managing the natural and built environment, promoting health and well-being, tackling climate change, reducing the need to travel and infrastructure provision. However, at this stage in the plan making process no decision is being made on detailed policy wording or development site allocations.

Following receipt of stakeholder representations the plan will be refined to form the Regulation 19 'local plan submission draft' that will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for public examination during 2022.

This consultation will take place under Regulation 18 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Town and Country Planning Regulations (Local Planning) 2012 (as amended).

The Local Plan once formally adopted will form the statutory development plan (along with neighbourhood plans) for BCP and will be used to determine planning applications.

10. Housing Management Model Review

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The council's housing stock within the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is situated within the Bournemouth and Poole neighbourhoods and comprises 9,592 owned properties (5,080 in Bournemouth and 4,512 in Poole) and 1,139 leasehold properties (as at 1 April 2021).

Council housing within the Bournemouth neighbourhood is managed in-house within the officer structure of the housing service unit. Poole Housing Partnership (PHP) is an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO), a wholly owned company, and manages the council housing in the Poole neighbourhood whilst BCP Council retains ownership and ultimate responsibility.

This report sets out the national policy context for council housing and proposes some core objectives to guide future delivery.

This report presents the council's strategic key drivers for service delivery in this area and, measuring these against the various governance options, proposes a preferred model for housing management in the future.

It is recommended that the council should align and create a new combined hybrid service, the 'best of both worlds', within the council.

It is recommended that the new combined in-house hybrid service has a robust 'advisory board', providing oversight, expertise and informed advice. A number of other councils, including some which have recently changed from an ALMO model, have similarly set up or are considering setting up an advisory board to ensure robust visibility and monitoring for continued good service delivery.

The report requests approval to commence extensive consultation with residents and other stakeholders over summer and autumn 2021 to help determine implementation.

11. Cabinet Forward Plan

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To consider the latest version of the Cabinet Forward Plan for approval.

No other items of business can be considered unless the Chairman decides the matter is urgent for reasons that must be specified and recorded in the Minutes.