

Notice of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date: Tuesday, 23 November 2021 at 6.00 pm

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

Membership:

Chair:

Cllr R Burton

Vice Chair:

Cllr L Lewis

Cllr E Coope
Cllr N C Geary
Cllr J Kelly

Cllr S Moore
Cllr L Northover
Cllr R Rocca

Cllr S Gabriel
Cllr M Haines
Cllr R Lawton

Parent Governor Co-opted Representatives

P Martin, E Hall and S Welch

Diocesan Co-Opted Representatives

M Saxby

Youth Parliament Representatives

N Collins, S Lockard, A Brandon and G Grogan

All Members of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

The press and public are welcome to view the live stream of this meeting at the following link:

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Mid=4832>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Louise Smith, louise.smith@bcpCouncil.gov.uk on 01202 096660 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 directly 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 must leave
the room
during the
debate unless
you hold a
dispensation

Other Registerable
Interest

Yes

Declare the
nature of the
interest

You may speak
on the matter
ONLY if
members of the
public are also
allowed to
speak at the
meeting

Otherwise, do
NOT speak or
vote on the
matter and
leave the room
during the
debate unless
you hold a
dispensation

No

Does the matter **directly** relate to your
financial interest or well-being or those
of a relative or close associate?

Yes

You must disclose the interest.

Does the matter affect your financial
interest or well-being:
(a) to a greater extent than it affects the
financial interests of the majority of
inhabitants of the ward affected by
the decision and;
(b) a reasonable member of the public
knowing all the facts would believe
that it would affect your view of the
wider public interest

Yes

You may speak on the matter ONLY
if members of the public are also
allowed to speak at the meeting

Otherwise, do NOT speak or vote on
the matter and leave the room during
the debate unless you hold a
dispensation

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. Substitute Members

To receive information on any changes in the membership of the Committee.

Note – When a member of a Committee is unable to attend a meeting of a Committee or Sub-Committee, the relevant Political Group Leader (or their nominated representative) may, by notice to the Monitoring Officer (or their nominated representative) prior to the meeting, appoint a substitute member from within the same Political Group. The contact details on the front of this agenda should be used for notifications.

3. 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.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

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To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 21 September 2021.

a) Action Sheet

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To consider any outstanding actions.

5. Public Issues

To receive any public questions, statements or petitions submitted in accordance with the Constitution, which is available to view at the following link:

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

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

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

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

6. The BCP Appreciative Inquiry into inclusion practices in BCP schools

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This is the covering report for the Appreciative Inquiry, which took place over the summer of 2021, concluding with a consultation process with schools about its contents. The final version of the Inquiry is attached along with suggested next steps.

A report with recommendations is being taken to Cabinet and should the recommendations be accepted by the Cabinet, this will allow for major changes in the services provided by the Council to schools to go ahead in principle, subject to separate business cases being submitted for authorisation when detailed work on relevant individual recommendations have been carried out.

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| 7. Written statement of action for special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). | 93 - 100 |
| <p>Following a local area SEND inspection by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in late June 2021, the local authority (LA) and Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) must produce and submit a Written Statement of Action (WSOA) by 7 December.</p> <p>The WSOA is being co-produced by a partnership process involving families, schools, Health, the Council and other partners.</p> | |
| 8. Covid Recovery – Feedback on Start of School Year and Summer Offer | 101 - 106 |
| <p>The Summer Offer looked to address mental health, gaps in learning, the lack of preparation for secondary school, exploitation and knife crime as well as ensuring that families have food during this period. This report details the impact of this offer on the start of the school year for children in BCP.</p> | |
| 9. Home to School Transport | 107 - 144 |
| <p>The attached cabinet report introduces a common home to school transport policy for the whole of the BCP Council area across the areas of the three former council areas</p> | |
| 10. Schools Admissions Arrangements 2023/2024 for community and maintained schools | 145 - 160 |
| <p>The cabinet report confirms admissions arrangements for schools maintained by BCP Council for the school year 2023/24. It is proposed that a consultation take place to reduce the published admission number at Burton Primary School from 60 to 45 to enable the school to organise classes most efficiently.</p> | |
| 11. Capital expenditure to enable bulge classes at the Avonbourne Schools | 161 - 164 |
| <p>The report proposes that Cabinet approve up to £500,000 capital expenditure to enable the Avonbourne Schools to undertake remodelling so that they can take up to two bulge classes. Pupil place planning projections suggest there may be insufficient places available in the local area in the admissions years 2022 and 2023. Providing for bulge classes would ensure that the council meets its statutory responsibility to provide sufficient school places for all school age children living within the area.</p> | |

12. Portfolio Holder Update

To receive a verbal update from the Portfolio Holders.

13. Items for Information

Information only items will be circulated after the Committee:

- Pan Dorset Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual Report

14. Forward Plan

To consider the Committee's Forward Plan.

15. Dates of Future Meetings

To note the dates of future Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committees as follows:

- 25 January 2022
- 22 March 2022
- 7 June 2022
- 26 July 2022

All meetings will commence at 6pm and venues to be confirmed.

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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.