

Notice of Cabinet

Date: Wednesday, 24 November 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 B Dove

Cllr B Dunlop

Cllr M Greene

Cllr N Greene

Cllr M Iyengar

Cllr K Rampton

Cllr M White

Lead Members

Cllr H Allen

Cllr S Baron

Cllr N Brooks

Cllr L Fear

Cllr J Kelly

Cllr T Johnson

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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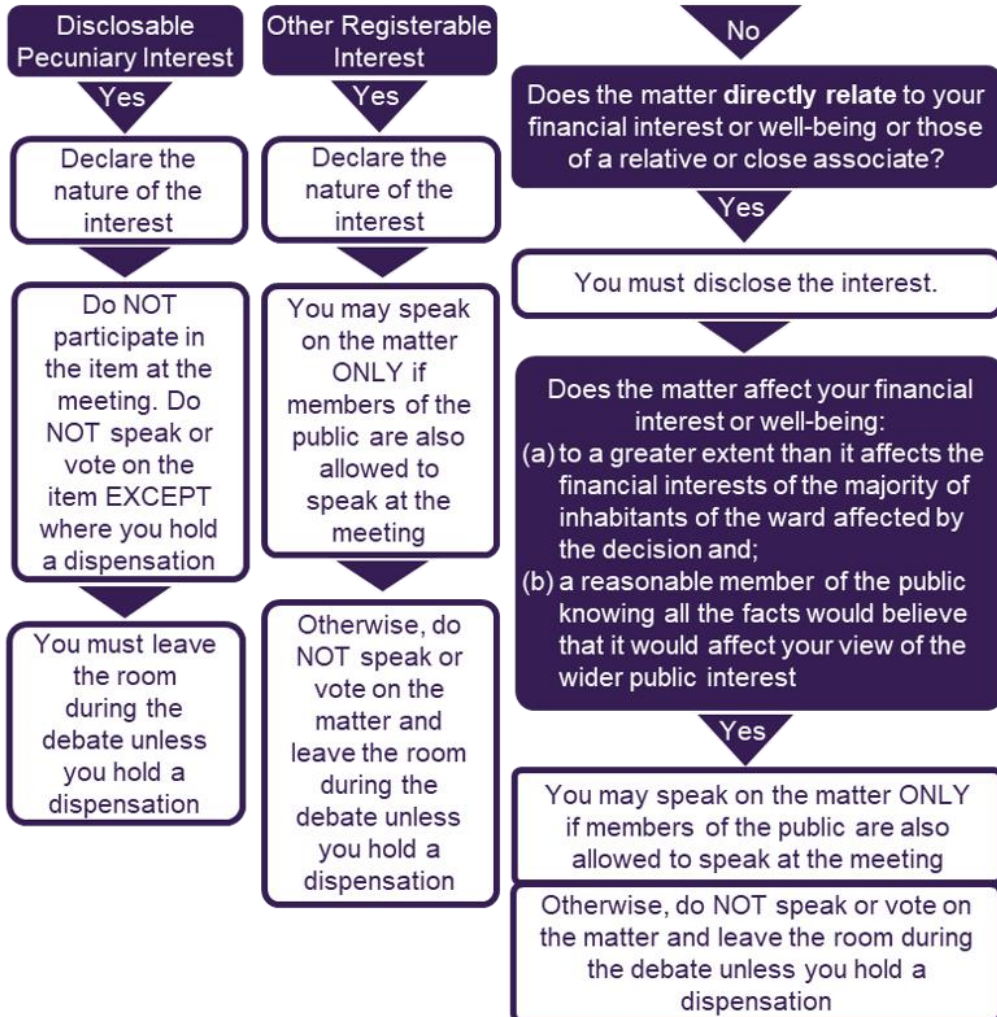
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Declaring interests at meetings

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

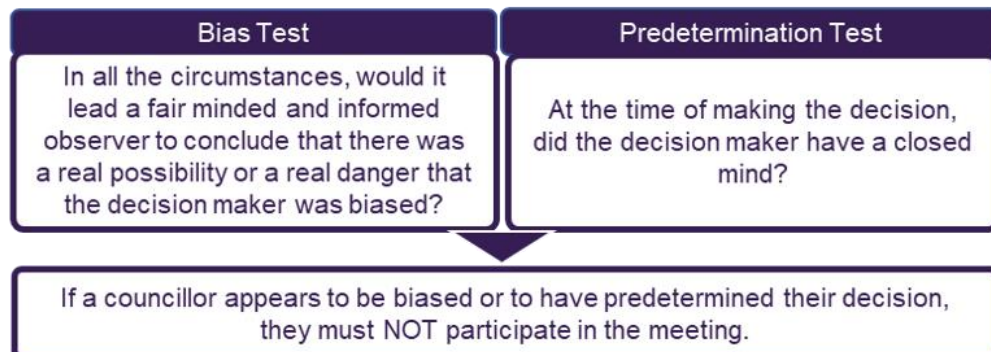
Before the meeting, read the agenda and reports to see if the matters to be discussed at the meeting concern your interests

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



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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 24 October 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. Estates and Accommodation - BCP Civic Space

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The creation of the BCP Council Civic Centre is part of the first phase in the council's Estates and Accommodation Strategy, which aims to establish a 'fit for purpose' corporate estate that can effectively support council's services and the delivery of its priorities. The November 2020 Estates & Accommodation Cabinet Report focussed on the remodelling of the officer accommodation areas of the former town hall complex as a priority. It also proposed setting up a Members' Working Group to consider and lead on the development of the Civic accommodation, as a subsequent phase.

A Members Working Group was established in early 2021, to identify the needs of the civic space in the BCP Council Civic Centre. This report responds to the working group's considerations and proposes additional investment in the BCP Council Civic Centre to ensure that the building

provides fit for purpose accommodation to support the council's democratic processes as well as the other functions that are typically delivered from the building's civic spaces. Works would include improved accessibility and the adoption of technology solutions that support transparency and wider engagement in the council's decision making. Whilst the original town hall presents challenges in terms of making changes or adaptations to the building's heritage features, a pragmatic and prudent approach to cost has been taken to ensure value for money.

7. BCP Futures – a new Economic Development Strategy for BCP

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Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (BCP Council) has recently created BCP Futures which is a concept and a brand to unite our work to shape the future strategic direction of our city region. This ambitious and forward-thinking BCP economic development strategy (Appendix 1) is a key part of this work. The strategy outlines our Prosperity Deal with businesses: the council will remove the barriers to productivity and invest in the environment for growth in return for businesses improving their productivity, raising wages and therefore living standards. An essential feature of the deal will be an enhanced concierge service for businesses provided by the economic development team. The overarching aim of the strategy is to become a top 20 ranked city region in terms productivity by 2026 (measured by Centre for Cities).

This report highlights the main elements of the strategy and seeks cabinet's approval for it.

The strategy sets the objectives and forms the framework for a project-specific action plan which is already in development.

8. An overview of the government's forthcoming Waste Strategy; impacts and opportunities for BCP Council

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April 2020 saw the creation of a fully merged BCP Council waste authority following Local Government Reorganisation in 2019. Since then, significant work has been carried out to align policies and services.

The emergence of the Government's Our Waste Our Resources Strategy, associated national consultations and the imminence of the Environment Bill (anticipated Autumn 2021) have highlighted the potential need for significant changes to how current waste services are managed and funded going forward, and will greatly influence the development of a local Waste Strategy for BCP Council. This report summarises the latest consultation themes and outlines the likely impacts for the Council.

Supportive waste infrastructure is key to both delivering the Council's statutory waste responsibilities and achieving the most financially advantageous operational and contractual arrangements. Consequently, ahead of 2027, and the tendering of BCP Council's waste disposal contracts, it is prudent to review the Council's waste assets and provision to bring forward business cases to deliver service efficiencies, security and wider transformational ambitions of the organisation. This report seeks approval to use existing grant funding to undertake a comprehensive feasibility review and supporting business cases to identify how best to meet the challenges ahead.

For BCP Council to respond to the challenges of the national waste landscape and legally comply with the requirements of the forthcoming Environment Bill, this report identifies a required growth in employee resource to evaluate, deliver and embed the required changes across the conurbation, by the Government's proposed implementation deadline of 2023 through to disposal contract tendering in 2027.

9. Planning Service Improvement Update

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This provides an update on measures being implemented to deliver a step change in the reputation and performance of the BCP Planning Service in order to support the delivery of the Big Plan and other corporate priorities. It follows a previous report on the Planning Service considered by Cabinet in April 2021 and provides a 6-month update on progress since and actions for the next 6 months. The key improvement activities underway since the last report are as follows:

- Ongoing governance by Planning Improvement Board
- Appointment of interim Planning Service Director and Development Management Manager
- Improved use of data to run service
- Task force approach to dealing with out of time applications and reducing on hand demand
- Use of outsourcing companies to deal with volumes of work needing to be determined
- Validation process review
- Single system and process project moving forward
- Improved engagement with staff and customers
- Major recruitment campaign due to start
- Increased focus on Local Plan progression
- Structural review to begin

10. Pokesdown Railway Station Improvement

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This report seeks the recommendation of Cabinet to Council for allocation of up to £2.6m from BCP's Future Fund to improve Pokesdown Railway Station through a jointly agreed financial arrangement with South Western Railway (SWR) and Network Rail (NR).

Subject to approval of the business case with the Department for Transport (DfT) both SWR and NR are committed to sourcing £3.1M towards the overall project cost of £5.7m to deliver this essential and long-awaited infrastructure with the Council then covering the shortfall up to a maximum of £2.6m.

The anticipated scope of work is shown in the outline business case included within this report at Appendix 1. The content is subject to further detailed design and legal consideration.

This investment shall provide essential access benefits to all users but especially for wheelchair users.

<p>11. Written statement of action for special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).</p> <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>	167 - 174
<p>12. Cabinet Forward Plan</p> <p>To consider the latest version of the Cabinet Forward Plan for approval.</p>	To Follow

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.