

Notice of Cabinet



Date: Wednesday, 12 January 2022 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.

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?MIId=4840>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Sarah Culwick (01202 817615) on 01202 096660 or email democratic.services@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

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21 December 2021



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



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 15 December 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 Tax - Tax base 2022/23

This report calculates and presents the proposed council tax base for council tax setting purposes in line with current legislation and guidance.

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7. 2021/22 Quarter 2 Performance Report

BCP Council's Corporate Strategy was adopted by Full Council in November 2019. It sets out the Council's priorities and the values which underpin the way the council will work as it develops and delivers services.

Refreshed vision and ambition statements set out in the Big Plan provide a wider context to underpin and drive the Corporate Strategy.

Council corporate priorities remain the same and continue to be supported by delivery plans which set out high-level actions.

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This report provides an overview of performance against the priorities for Quarter 2 of financial year 2021/22.

It has been informed by the performance measures included in the delivery plans of the Corporate Strategy, agreed at the February 2021 Cabinet meeting.

Performance is presented across interactive dashboards for each of the priorities which also include a narrative summary of other achievements for the first six months of this financial year.

Whilst the performance measures are not a finite set of measures most have been in place for the last 18 months and therefore are starting to develop a good history of trend data.

Generally, performance is good across the priorities with only four areas that require intervention. The detail of these are available as exception reports attached as appendix 2.

8. Future of the Stour Valley and Poole Revenues and Benefits Partnership

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BCP Council currently works in partnership with Dorset Council to deliver Revenues and Benefit Services for four of the legacy Councils through the Stour Valley and Poole Partnership (SVPP).

The Joint Committee for the SVPP has considered the future options for Revenues and Benefits service delivery and have recommended to each Council that they consider expanding the SVPP to provide a Pan-Dorset Partnership.

For BCP Council, as the host partner Council, for SVPP expanding the Partnership would formally bring together the Revenues and Benefits services and deliver significant efficiencies whilst supporting the Council's transformation objectives

Dorset Council's preferred direction is to end the SVPP and return its services to an in-house provision which would place a financial burden on BCP Council of stranded costs that cannot be mitigated.

As there is not a consensus between partners an approach needs to be established for the future of BCP Council's Revenue and Benefits services.

9. Housing and Property Compliance Update (Housing Revenue Account)

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This report provides information on how the council meets its responsibilities in ensuring that all council housing within the Housing Revenue Account is managed in a way that meets compliance with current health and safety legislation, best practice and regulatory standards to ensure the health and safety of residents. It sets out issues concerning compliance across the Bournemouth and Poole neighbourhoods and demonstrates how these are being managed.

During quarter three, 2021/22 concerns were identified within the Bournemouth neighbourhood regarding overdue fire risk assessment actions and electrical safety tests and potential non-compliance with the Regulator of Social Housing's (Regulator) Home Standard. A robust action plan is in place and issues continue to be addressed at pace with additional

resources. To ensure full transparency the council has made a self-referral to the Regulator to make them aware of the situation.

Over the coming years there will be increased responsibilities placed on social landlords to manage the health and safety of residents. These will be primarily included in the Building Safety Bill which is progressing through Parliament. Future changes will also be made to the regulatory regime overseen by the Regulator through the “Charter for Social Housing Residents; a social housing white paper”.

In preparation for these changes, we are ensuring that we are taking steps to improve our existing monitoring and recording of compliance work.

10. Climate Action Annual Report 2020/21

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As agreed in the ‘Response to Climate and Ecological Emergency’ report to Council in December 2019, an annual report on climate action is required to monitor and communicate progress towards achieving the declared goals. This report will go to Full Council on 22nd February 2022.

BCP Council declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency on 16 July 2019. This report sets out the work the Council has carried out in the second year towards achieving our targets to:

- Make BCP Council and its operations carbon neutral by 2030 - **The amount of carbon emissions from Council operations has reduced by over 10%**, from 41,567 tCO₂e to 37,109 tCO₂e.
- Work with the wider community to make the region carbon neutral before the UK target of 2050 – **the amount of area-wide carbon emissions has decreased by 71,748 tonnes CO₂e (3.7%)** between figures released in 2019 and 2020 (energy use data for the years 2017 and 2018 respectively).

2020/21 has been a transitional and unusual year for Climate Action, sitting as it does between the declaration of national and local Climate and Ecological Emergencies and the COP26 summit, and while we are still in the shadow of the Covid-19 pandemic that continues to dominate news. Covid-19 continues to be a major factor in progressing Climate Action, and it is not yet clear if the effects on carbon reduction will be maintained and trends continued. At the start of the reporting period, Council funding for Climate Action had been withdrawn as part of the response to financial pressures caused by Covid-19. Following a change in political control of the Council, the funding was reinstated, but this interruption significantly disrupted the ability to spend the money effectively. Important additional funding has been secured to grow the Climate Action team and to drive forward the delivery of the Action Plan with a new Climate Action staffing structure created. This will ensure that the service provided by the Team meets and exceed stakeholder expectations, and that the portfolio of activities in the Action Plan is optimised to meet our 2030 and 2050 targets as cost effectively and as quickly as is sensible.

In addition, this report also recommends that Cabinet approve exploration of the Council becoming members of the UK100 - a network of highly ambitious local government leaders looking to transition to clean energy, taking the public and business with them.

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| 11. Levelling Up | <p>In May 2021 the Government announced it will publish a landmark Levelling Up White Paper, “articulating how bold new policy interventions will improve opportunity and boost livelihoods across the country as we recover from the pandemic. The White Paper - which will be led by the Prime Minister - will focus on challenges including improving living standards, growing the private sector and increasing and spreading opportunity”.</p> <p>In readiness for this White Paper, this Cabinet report showcases several excellent recent studies that help to explain why Levelling Up is important for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, and how it can support our current and future work. These studies also help us to have some early sight on what our Levelling Up needs and aspirations may be.</p> <p>This Cabinet report also provides a brief update on the development of the Skills Commission (a key early action to support Levelling Up) and sets out a series of proposed next steps for approval to ensure there is an agreed, evidenced based council-wide approach that is complimentary to and supports the delivery of existing council policies and strategies.</p> | 155 - 202 |
| 12. Coastal Business Improvement District (BID) | <p>Bournemouth Coastal Business Improvement District (BID) is preparing to undertake a ballot for its third term from 2 March 2022 – 30 March 2022. The result of the ballot will be announced on 31 March 2022.</p> <p>If successful, the 5-year BID Term will run from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2027. This report seeks Cabinet approval for the Council to support Coastal Town Centre BID for the third term.</p> | 203 - 218 |
| 13. Bournemouth Town Centre Business Improvement District (BID) | <p>Bournemouth Town Centre Business Improvement District (BID) is preparing to undertake a renewal ballot for its third term from 2 March 2022 – 30 March 2022. The result of the ballot will be announced on 31 March 2022.</p> <p>If successful, the 5-year BID Term will run from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2027. This report seeks Cabinet approval for the Council to support Bournemouth Town Centre BID for the third term.</p> | 219 - 234 |
| 14. Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution | <p>The Chief Executive to report on any decisions taken under urgency provisions in accordance with the Constitution.</p> | Verbal Report |
| 15. Cabinet Forward Plan | <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.