

Notice of Cabinet

Date: Wednesday, 9 February 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 T Johnson

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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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.

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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 12 January 2022.

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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.bcpccouncil.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. Corporate Strategy

BCP Council's Corporate Strategy was adopted by 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.

The council priorities set out in the Corporate Strategy have not changed.

The introduction to the strategy has been refreshed to reflect the change in administration, the vision and the five big projects of the Big Plan.

The journey so far has been updated to reflect the impact and ongoing response to Covid 19.

The Council's corporate priorities continue to be supported by delivery plans. These set out the high-level actions which will help the council achieve its priorities.

Delivery plans are reviewed annually.

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7. Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2022/23

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To set out for Cabinet consideration and recommendation to Council the proposed 2022/23 budget and council tax.

The budget as presented has been drafted based on;

- Delivering a Council Tax freeze via a 0% council tax increase in 2022/23 for the basic annual threshold.
- Collecting the full 4% Adult Social Care (ASC) precept in 2022/23.

There are several key assumptions underpinning this budget report.

- Government will extend, as they have previously indicated, the flexible use of capital receipts regulations to 31 March 2025.
- These regulations, when issued, will remain broadly unchanged in allowing the councils transformation expenditure to be legitimately financed from capital receipts.

Cabinet and Council will, sometime after this meeting, approve a proposal to generate a £54m capital receipt from a bold non-traditional approach. If Council do not agree the proposal, then the budget will need to be amended as necessary.

8. 2021/22 Budget Monitoring at Quarter 3

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This report includes 2021/22 budget monitoring information as at the end of December 2021. The projected outturn for the revenue account is a balanced position.

The projection includes an overspend of £9.1 million within services and the transformation programme. The application of largely one-off central resources can balance this position, including the release into the revenue account of the Covid pressures grant tranche 5 with the balance of £3.3 million carried forward in reserves.

The updated 2021/22 projections for reserve movements, the capital programme and housing revenue account (HRA) are also included.

9. Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Setting 2022/23

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The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is a separate account within Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council's budgets that ring-fences the income and expenditure associated with the council's homes in the Bournemouth and Poole neighbourhoods.

Housing management services are currently provided by an in-house service in Bournemouth and by Poole Housing Partnership in Poole.

A review of how we manage council homes within the BCP Council area is underway through the Housing Management Model review. Consultation with residents on the preferred option to create a new service combining the best of services from both neighbourhoods has concluded. The information that has been gathered will be used to help design the potential new single service within the council which could be in place later this year.

This report seeks approval for the proposed budget for the HRA for 2022/23

and the key principles on which it is based.

It sets out the proposals regarding the rents, service charges and other charges to tenants as well as the expenditure plans for the 2022/23 rent year.

These proposals and the actions within the attached delivery plans support the priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Strategy.

Emphasis will be placed on building safety and achieving carbon reduction targets through improvements to homes. Funding of £1 million will be made available through the capital programme to support carbon reduction. There is a significant development programme to provide homes for rent through the HRA which will be approved through the Council's New Build Housing and Acquisition Strategy (CNHAS).

10. Bus Operator Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme (National Bus Strategy)

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The Council and the bus operators have agreed to enter into an Enhanced Partnership (EP), and this is required by end of April 2022.

Failure to form an EP would result in no new sources of bus funding from the government's £3bn budget and cessation of other government support for bus services.

The establishment of an EP requires several stages including the development of draft documentation; public engagement; negotiation between partners; and statutory consultation of key stakeholders before the EP can be formed.

Due to the timescales set by government, it is not possible for Cabinet to consider the EP Plan (including EP Scheme) before the end of April 2022. The purpose of this report is to seek delegated authority in regard to decision making for the formation of an Enhanced Partnership Plan and Enhanced Partnership Scheme.

11. School Admissions Arrangements 2023/24 for community and maintained schools

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BCP Council is legally required to determine its admissions arrangements for the school year 2023/24. Permission to publicly consult to change the arrangements was agreed by council members.

The change that required consultation was the reduction of the published admission number at Burton Primary School from 60 to 45 to enable the school to organise classes efficiently.

It is recommended that following the conclusion of the public consultation, the arrangements are determined by council members.

12. Mainstream Schools and Early Years Funding Formulae 2022/23

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The council receives the ring-fenced dedicated schools grant (DSG) to fund the separate early years and mainstream schools funding formulae. The content of each formula is highly regulated by the Department for Education (DfE) and stakeholders must be consulted. Consultations have been undertaken with each sector, with the School's Forum considering the outcomes on 13 January 2022 and making recommendations to the

council.

The early years formula (for ages 2, 3 and 4) in BCP is for a sector comprised largely of private, voluntary, and independent settings with a small number of nursery classes in mainstream schools and academies. The DSG funding rates have increased by 4% overall for 2022/23.

The mainstream schools formula (for reception to year 11) is applicable equally for maintained schools and academies. Funding for the for 2022/23 formula has increased by 3.9% from a combination of higher funding values, data changes and rising pupil numbers.

There is surplus funding, estimated at £0.751 million, in the schools block available to transfer to high needs.

13. Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution

The Chief Executive to report on any decisions taken under urgency provisions in accordance with the Constitution.

Verbal
Report

14. Cabinet Forward Plan

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

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.