

Notice of Cabinet



Date: Wednesday, 22 June 2022 at 10.00 am

Venue: Committee Room, First Floor, BCP Civic Centre Annex, St Stephen's Rd, Bournemouth BH2 6LL

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 J Kelly
Cllr K Rampton
Cllr M White

Lead Members
Cllr H Allen
Cllr S Baron
Cllr N Brooks

Cllr J J Butt
Cllr L Fear
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=5011>

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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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 25 May 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.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 Committees

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

6. 2021/22 Outturn Report

This report provides details of the final financial outturn for the revenue account, capital programme, reserves, and the housing revenue account (HRA) for the financial year 2021/22.

The general fund revenue outturn is a surplus of £6.8 million for the year, of which £3.3 million has already been allowed for in the budget for 2022/23. It is proposed that the balance of £3.5 million is transferred to the financial resilience reserve to mitigate the emerging in-year cost of living inflationary pressures. The position compared with quarter three reflects faster income recovery after Covid and higher expenditure savings, with some efficiencies now recognised from the transformation programme.

This improvement has meant that resources previously earmarked to support net overspending across services can instead be carried forward to support the cost of living crisis and medium term financial plan (MTFP). The statutory requirements are that the council undertakes prudent financial planning as evidenced by delivery of a highly positive outturn

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7. Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Update

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This report:

- Presents the latest medium-term financial plan (MTFP) of the council to reflect government announcements since the February 2022 budget report and updated assumptions.
- Proposes a financial strategy to support the delivery of a legally balanced budget for 2023/24.
- Proposes a budget planning process and timeline for key financial reports.
- Recognises the positive outturn from the 21/22 financial year end, the impact of the cost-of-living crisis, and the improvement in some of the key risk areas as identified in the setting of the 22/23 budget.

8. BCP FuturePlaces Ltd - Revised business plan and funding mechanism

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In May 2021 the Council approved the formation of BCP FuturePlaces Ltd, ("FuturePlaces") a wholly owned Urban Regeneration Company (URC). The fundamental purpose and principles of FuturePlaces is to drive "Place Making", regeneration and property market transformation both across key sites owned by the Council and the wider area to support the aspirations set out in the Council's Big Plan.

This report seeks approval for funding changes to the business model due to a revised approach as proposed in the Councils 2022/23 Budget as to how the company will be funded. It also seeks approval for the revised company business plan as Council approval as sole shareholder as such a change is a reserved matter under the Shareholders' Agreement.

It also seeks approval to streamline the Gateway Approval process outlined in the Commissioning Plan. The changes seek to remove duplication and ensure that each new stage builds on, and complements, its predecessor. There will not be a reduction in the work required to investigate options for delivery of each project and it is still based on HM Treasury Green Book guidance.

[PLEASE NOTE: Should the Cabinet wish to discuss the detail of Appendix 1 the meeting will be required to move into Confidential (Exempt) Session].

9. Home to School Transport

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BCP Council is legally required to have a single home to school transport policy. A BCP Council Policy has been drafted to replace the three existing policies. The draft policy has been developed to ensure consistency across the conurbation. It will provide a single point of reference for families and officers regarding eligibility and how it is assessed.

Permission to determine the policy is being sought from cabinet following a public consultation held January-February 2022. The consultation was held in accordance with the requirements of the Department for Education's statutory guidance. Key stakeholders were targeted during the consultation period.

10. Cemetery Regulations and Cemetery Fees Harmonisation for BCP Council Cemeteries

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BCP Council are the Burial Authority responsible for the proper management, regulation, and control of all its owned and managed 9 cemeteries across the 3 towns as governed by The Local Authority Cemetery Order (LACO)1977.

Following the formation of BCP Council under Local Government Reorganisation in April 2019, all 9 cemeteries remain governed by 3 separate legacy Rules and Regulations adopted by the then councils of Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole.

Each set of these Rules and Regulations have variances in how the cemeteries are managed. The legacy Rules and Regulations are now out of date with best practice and industry regulation having changed since their adoption by the legacy councils.

Harmonisation of the Rules and Regulations will lead to a more efficient and effective operation of all cemeteries that are compliant with industry standard best practice and conform to statutory guidance provided in the LACO.

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

Verbal Report

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

12. Cabinet Forward Plan

To Follow

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.