

Notice of Cabinet



Date: Wednesday, 23 November 2022 at 10.15 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.

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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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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 26 October 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. Finance Strategy Update Report

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The October Cabinet report set out how a balanced budget for 2023/24 would be delivered and this was shared with DLUHC on the 24 October 2022. As set out in October report, having undertaken this work the challenge is now translating this work into a detailed implementation workstream and strength testing the deliverability of the assumptions that had been made with a robust evidence base. Of particular importance will be those around service savings and efficiencies to avoid double-counting savings especially with those to be delivered by the transformation programme.

This November report presents an update on this workstream and highlights that the consequences of the initial work around implementation is that further "below the line" budget proposals have been established

which are those that would be the most challenging to deliver.

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

7. Mid-Year Corporate Performance Report

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BCP Council's priorities and values, underpinning how we will work to develop and deliver services, are set out in the Corporate Strategy which was adopted by Full Council in November 2019.

Refreshed vision and ambition statements are set out in the Big Plan, providing a wider context and further drive to deliver the Corporate Strategy.

Delivery plan actions are refreshed annually affording the opportunity to celebrate the progress already made and ensure future planned actions remain relevant and are in line with the council's wider vision and ambitions.

The appended report shows a positive performance story against the actions and the key performance measures that Cabinet agreed in February 2022. Individual exception reports provide explanations and planned actions to address areas in need of improvement.

Each of the priority updates are cross referenced to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the Levelling up Goals. Reported progress has also been aligned to the six domains of the Equality and Human Rights Commission performance framework.

8. Flexible Housing scheme at Summers Avenue, Bournemouth

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This scheme is being brought forward from programme 5 (hardest to reach) of CNHAS - approved by Cabinet on the 29th September 2021.

The BCP owned site currently consists of 2x 1-bedroom bungalows at 1 Summers Avenue and 10 Tonge Road, Bournemouth, residing in the protected Heathland zone. The existing properties present ongoing significant maintenance issues for BCP Council which are not sustainable or flexible enough in their use.

The site presents an opportunity for redevelopment and the building of replacement – but with more bedrooms, better quality sustainable affordable and flexible homes.

One property is empty with the tenant in a Council owned temporary decant property, waiting for approval for this to become a permanent decant. The other property is occupied with an alternative Council owned property identified. Once approval to progress the development is provided both tenants decant will become permanent.

The new homes provide 2x 2-bed wheelchair properties, catering for a variety of needs. Planning was granted on 20th September 2022. The increase from 1 to 2 beds is a positive response to the restrictive Heathland designation.

The Housing Delivery team, BCP Homes colleagues and Adult Social care are working together to ensure the most appropriate residents are placed in these flexible homes when they are complete.

The necessary building works are to be procured directly with the internal Construction Works Team, subject to capacity and budgets being acceptable.

They will be built using the design & construction principles as set out in the approved CNHAS Strategy to ensure they provide high levels of thermal efficiency, space and amenity and minimise the need for retrospective environmental upgrades in the foreseeable future – refer para 6.

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 also sets out issues concerning compliance and demonstrates how these are being managed.

The report provides performance information to the end of quarter 2, 2022/23. There are no significant issues of non-compliance to report but a recent internal audit of the Bournemouth neighbourhood identified several issues which are set out which impact upon assurance. There is also a concern in gaining access to homes in Bournemouth to carry out lift inspections.

There are increased responsibilities placed on social landlords to manage the health and safety of residents primarily included in the new Building Safety Act 2022 although many of its provisions require further secondary legislation.

The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (Amendment) Regulations 2022 require the council to fit carbon monoxide alarms to all its homes by 1 October 2022. The council wrote to the Regulator of Social Housing as not all homes were compliant. We informed them that our programme to fit the alarms had already commenced and by February 2023 all our homes will be compliant. The Regulator's expectations are that plans are put in place to ensure compliance and has replied confirming that there has been no breach of regulatory standards.

With the creation of the new inhouse housing management service, BCP Homes, work is required to align policies and procedures regarding property compliance.

Future changes will also be made to the regulatory regime overseen by the Regulator through the Social Housing Regulation Bill. Following the white paper, the charter for social housing residents, new national tenant satisfaction measures will be reported on from April 2023 and will include those relating to maintaining building safety.

In preparation for these changes, we will continue to take steps to improve our existing monitoring and recording of compliance work.

An Advisory Board has been established to support the work of the new BCP Homes service and the Portfolio Holder for People and Homes. The Board, consisting of independent, resident and councillor members will provide an additional element of oversight and assurance around many areas including property compliance.

10. WISE Fly Tipping Enforcement Review

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On 25 May 2022 Cabinet considered the report [Fly-tipping and Fly Posting Enforcement Pilot Review](#) and resolved that the pilot be extended and a further report be presented in November 2022 with recommendations for the service long-term.

This report outlines the work carried out since May 2022 with the Councils Communications Team and Waste Compliance Officers in line with recommendations made to Cabinet, it summarises some of the learning from other Local Authorities and provides an update on the performance and data of the pilot.

The report considers the long-term plans to meet the challenges facing the Council with regards to environmental crimes and makes recommendations with regard to the way forward.

11. 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.

12. Cabinet Forward Plan

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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.