

Notice of Cabinet



Date: Wednesday, 25 October 2023 at 10.15 am

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

Membership:

Chairman:

Cllr V Slade

Vice Chairman:

Cllr M Earl

Cllr D Brown
Cllr R Burton
Cllr M Cox

Cllr A Hadley
Cllr J Hanna
Cllr A Martin

Cllr K Wilson

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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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

17 October 2023

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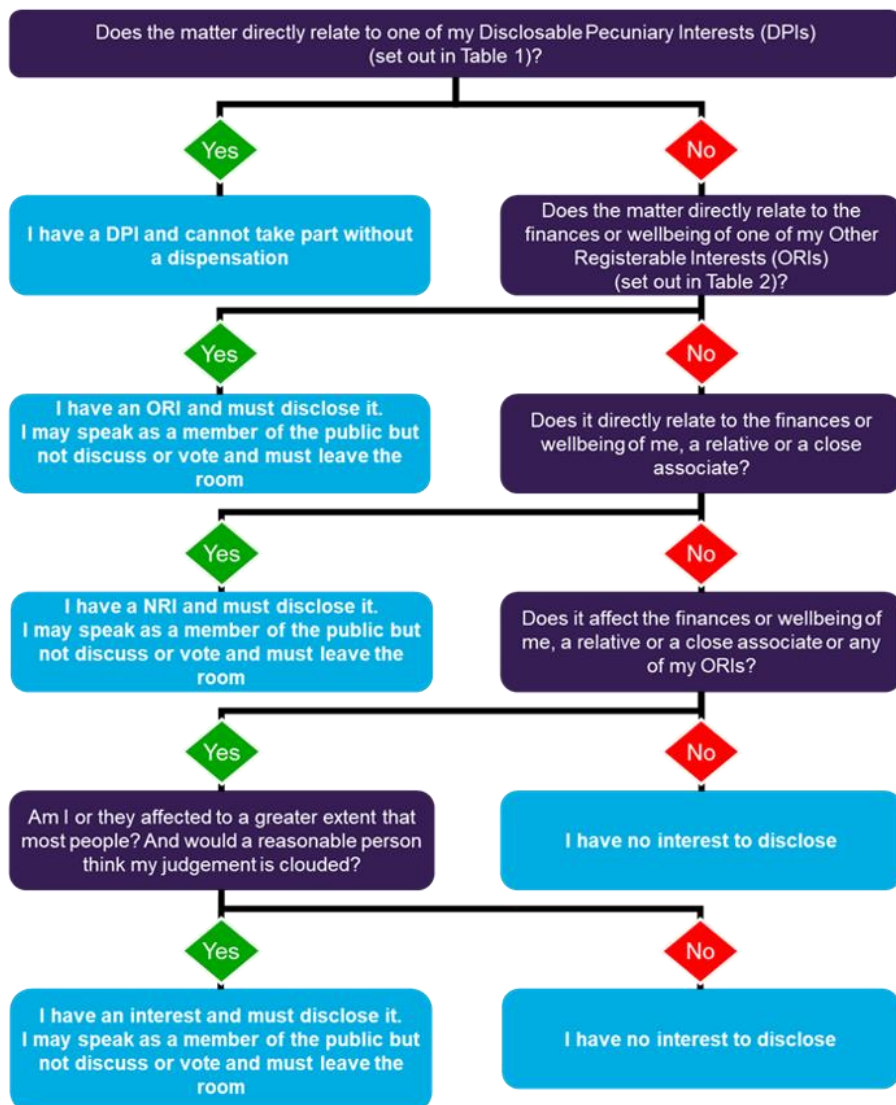


Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

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.

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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 27 September 2023.

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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 12 noon, 3 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.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

6. Transformation Programme Update

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A number of key achievements and milestones have been delivered since the inception of the programme and the last update. In each of the principle elements of the programme; Organisational Design, Where and how we work and Supporting our Colleagues. Some of this is now so familiar to staff and Members that it is easy to overlook as we continue to thrive and operate in our new normal.

Significant time and investment has been put in to building the foundations from which we can continue to transform as an organisation. Some of which may not be visible or obvious until such point as they are released for use and then quickly pass into familiarity with expectations and boundaries then pushed to the next improvement.

7. 3 Housing Regeneration Schemes – Craigmoor Avenue, Rochester Road and Grants Close, Bournemouth

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These schemes are being brought forward through the Council Newbuild Housing and Acquisition Strategy (CNHAS), a direct housing delivery route approved by Full Council in November 2021.

The proposal presented here is for all three sites to be progressed, they have very similar characteristics, being built at a similar time to a similar standard and designed by the same architect, but they are split into individual approval recommendations - so each site -whose individual budget is less than £1m, can be assessed on its own merits by Cabinet.

These proposals replace unsustainable homes/underutilised garages which carry significant maintenance requirements should they be retained - and renew them with replacement family homes built to a highly sustainable standard. Overall, the proposals present a net gain of 2 new affordable homes which will be let to those with a housing need.

Detailed reports are attached as appendices on all three proposed schemes.

| | Homes | Types | Bed's | Tenure | Total scheme costs in | Additional subsidy per scheme for Social Rent | Contractor proposed | Change in 50yr surplus if social rent |
|--------------|-------|--------|-------|------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Rochester Rd | 2 | Houses | 2 | affordable | £598k | (£120k) | CWT | (£184k) |
| Craigmor Ave | 2 | Houses | 3 | affordable | £680k | (£153k) | CWT | (£281k) |
| Grants Close | 2 | Houses | 2 | affordable | £597k | (£120k) | CWT | (£218k) |
| Totals | 6 | | | | £1,875k | (£393k) | | (£683k) |

8. Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman Annual Report 2022/23

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The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) provides an independent and impartial service to investigate complaints about Councils, or actions taken by another body on behalf of the Council.

The LGSCO provides a report annually which details the number of enquiries, investigations and resolved complaints for each authority in the previous financial year.

BCP Council's annual report for 2022/23 is attached as Appendix A.

The report shows that the number of complaints upheld by the LGSCO is comparable to that of like organisations, that compliance with recommendations is at 100% - compared to 99% average in others.

It notes that we are below average for providing a satisfactory remedy to complaints before they reached the LGSCO and notes delays in receiving responses from the Council, which we are working to ensure improves in the future.

It also includes some detail on the number of complaints to BCP Council during 2021/22 however, inconsistencies within identification, recording and monitoring of complaints remains a challenge so detailed analysis is not possible.

Adults and Children's Social Care complaints follow a different statutory

process and their reports will be reviewed separately at Overview and Scrutiny committees.

9. Phosphates in the River Avon

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This report asks Cabinet to agree to adopt the advice from Natural England that all new developments should be nutrient neutral in respect of phosphates to protect the River Avon Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Ramsar site.

This will require all applicants seeking planning permission for new homes in the Christchurch area to demonstrate they have secured phosphate mitigation measures before we can register the planning application. This is an additional up-front requirement placed upon applicants.

This report sets out our proposed interim approach while clarity on the national picture set out in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill is understood. Through the BCP Local Plan we will develop a strategy to prevent housing sites becoming stalled and provide certainty to the market.

10. Christchurch Civic Offices

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This report presents a proposal to dispose of Christchurch Civic Offices.

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

11. SEND Programme of Expansion - Broadstone First School

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The number of children and young people assessed as requiring a place at a specialist education provision in the BCP area has increased in recent years and this has increased expenditure on high needs.

As part of the Council's strategy to address growth and associated financial pressure, a programme of expansion of specialist school provision across the conurbation is being implemented to help provide local access to cost effective places and thereby to reduce the Council's reliance on costly independent placements. For this to be successful the programme will need to provide additional places:

- across the BCP area
- Across reception to Post 16 year groups
- Meet the profile of needs that we have identified as a challenge in sufficiency of places.

Broadstone First School, an academy run by the Castleman Academy Trust, is one of the schemes in the expansion programme where there is excellent opportunity to provide additional resource base places for children with autism spectrum condition (ASC).

Detailed feasibility analysis shows that the academy would be capable of accommodating 20 SEND places from September 2024 provided modifications and extensions to the existing school buildings are undertaken.

Unless schemes such as this are implemented the Council will have no option other than to continue with expensive independent placements to meet its legal duty to provide specialist places.

The recommendation of this report therefore is to approve the budget detailed in Appendix 1 (Exempt) needed to grant fund the building works and related processes required for the creation of 20 SEND places at Broadstone First School.

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12. Traffic Order Proposal, Goods Yard Development Loading Bay Proposal (P39 2023)

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The Council has received funding from the developer as part of the Section 106 agreement to implement a loading bay on Moor Road to enable a safe place for deliveries to be carried out to the Goods Yard Public House.

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.

14. 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.