

Notice of Cabinet



Date: Wednesday, 22 November 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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14 November 2023

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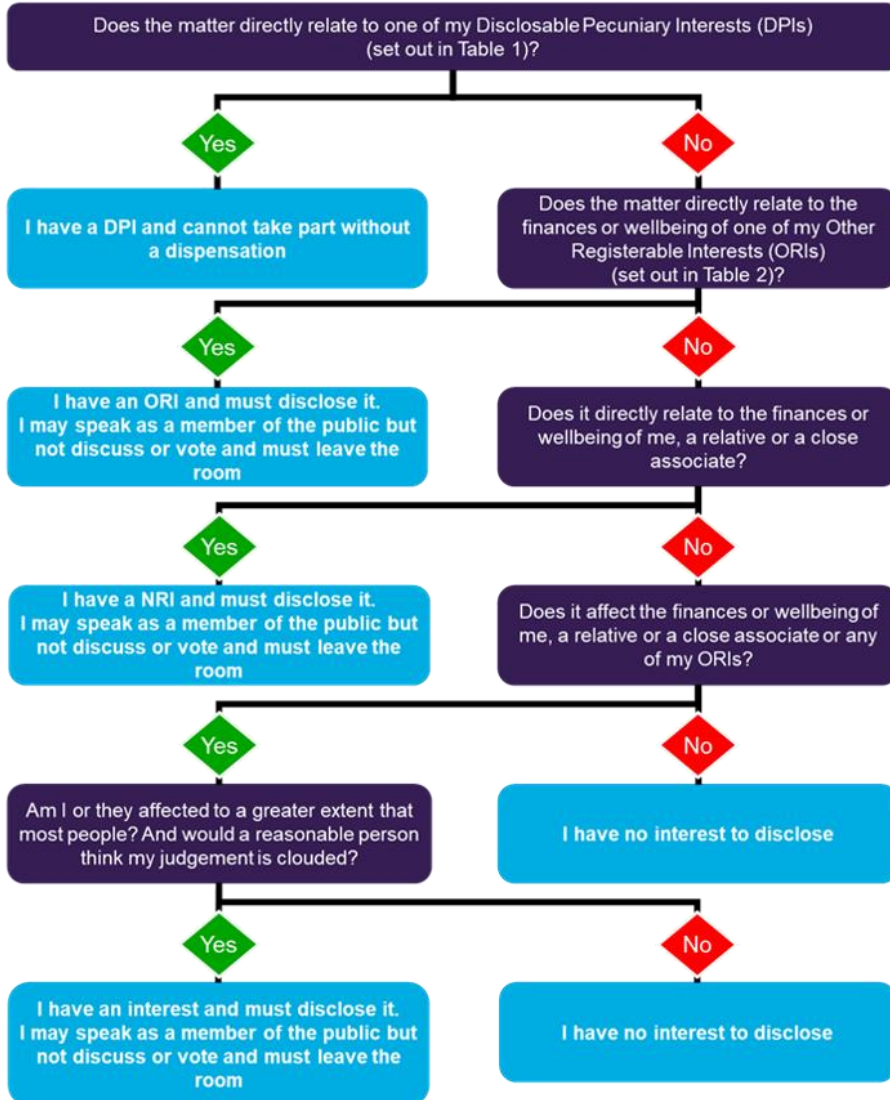
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Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

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
(richard.jones2@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 October 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 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. Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Update

This report presents the positive progress that has been made towards delivering a sustainable and balanced budget for 2024/25 and developing the latest medium-term financial plan (MTFP) position of the council.

It is important that the context to the development of the 2024/25 budget is fully appreciated. This can be summarised as.

- The February 2023 approved general fund budget for 2023/24 was balanced on the assumption of a £30m drawdown in reserves and the delivery of £34m in savings, efficiencies, and additional resources including £9m in respect of transformation which were un-itemised.

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- A funding gap of £44m for 2024/25 as set out in the July MTFP Update report to Cabinet and a 3-year funding gap to 2026/27 of £67m.
- An environment of ongoing uncertainty and volatility associated with the cost-of-living crisis.

Although significant progress has clearly been made it is clear that there is still much work to be done and that the savings, which will be considered as part of a November and December public engagement process, will have an inevitable impact on the level of services provided to our community.

7. Budget Monitoring 2023-24 at Quarter Two

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This report provides the quarter two 2023/24 projected financial outturn information for the general fund and housing revenue account (HRA).

The February 2023 approved general fund budget for 2023/24 was balanced on the assumption of a £30m drawdown in reserves and the delivery of £34m in savings, efficiencies, and additional resources including £9m in respect of transformation which were un-itemised.

Based on the current projections the Council is forecasting it will instead need to draw down £34.3m from unearmarked reserves (a further £4.3m) to balance the 2023/24 budget.

The orderly closure of BCP FuturePlaces Ltd could either reduce the drawdown of reserves by up £2.2m or increase the drawdown by a further £1.2m based on the report to Cabinet in September 2023. An estimate of the outcome should be available by January.

Mitigations are being progressed by directorates, including a spending and recruitment freeze where possible, but the risk remains that if these are unsuccessful then the council would be required to reduce its unearmarked reserves below the minimum threshold based on good practice.

Delivering to budget remains critical as the medium-term financial plan makes no allowance for replenishing any unearmarked reserves used to balance 2023/24 and there are no earmarked reserves available to support any drawdown over the £30m assumed in the original budget.

8. Future - Bournemouth Air Festival

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This report provides background to Bournemouth Air Festival, outlines the financial and environmental challenges of continuing to run the festival after 2023, and recommends a new way forward developed from the work of the Air Festival Task and Finish group

9. 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.

10. Cabinet Forward Plan

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