

Notice of Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date: Wednesday, 16 November 2022 at 6.00 pm

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

Membership:

Chairman:

Cllr S Gabriel

Vice Chairman:

Cllr R Lawton

Please note that the membership of this Committee is subject to change following consideration of the review of the political balance of the Council at the Council meeting on 8 November.

All Members of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee 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=5398>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Claire Johnston email democratic.services@bcpCouncil.gov.uk

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

8 November 2022

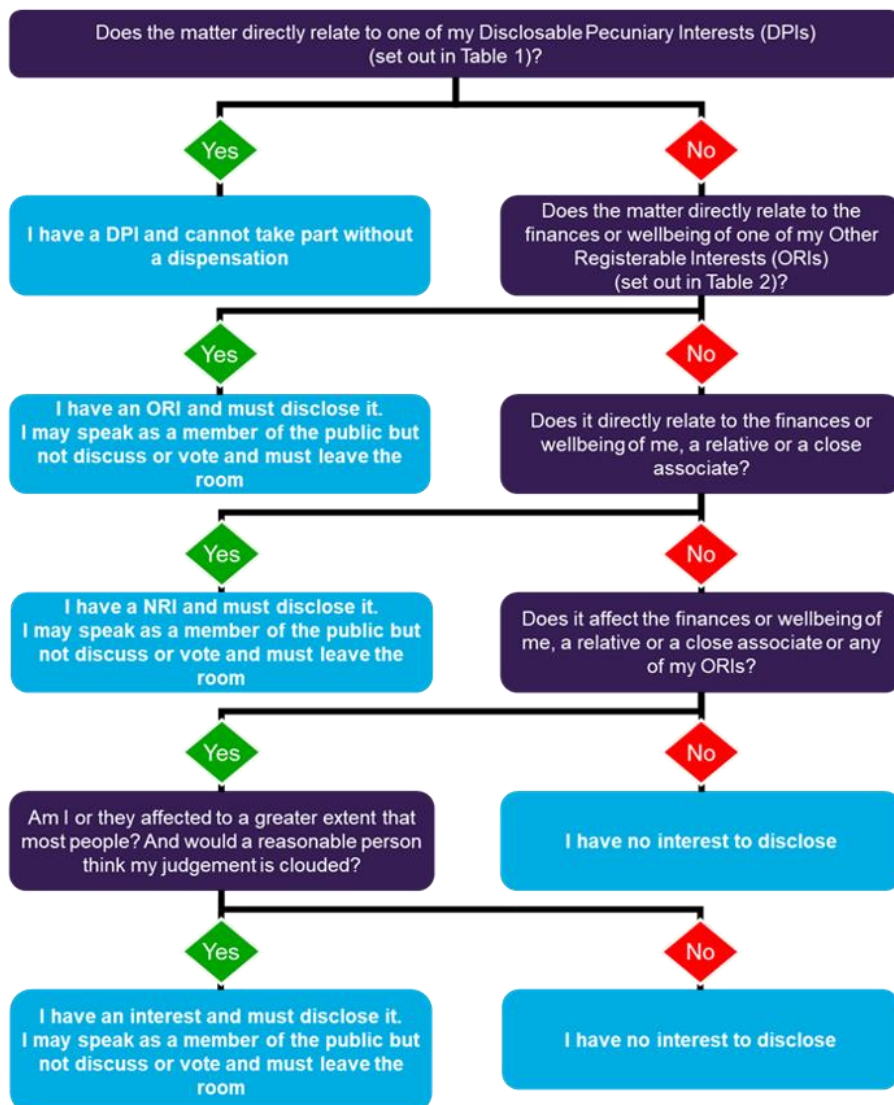


Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

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. **Substitute Members**

To receive information on any changes in the membership of the Committee.

Note – When a member of a Committee is unable to attend a meeting of a Committee or Sub-Committee, the relevant Political Group Leader (or their nominated representative) may, by notice to the Monitoring Officer (or their nominated representative) prior to the meeting, appoint a substitute member from within the same Political Group. The contact details on the front of this agenda should be used for notifications.

3. **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.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 16 June and 21 September 2022.

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5. **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.

6. **Future Places - Introduction from the new Independent Chairman**

The Committee will receive a brief introduction from the new Independent Chair of FuturePlaces.

<p>7. Impact of Budget on Services within the remit of Place O&S Committee</p> <p>The Committee are asked to consider the latest MTFP Cabinet report in relation to issues within the remit of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Please note that the focus of this item is the impact of the budget on services within the operations directorate. The Leader of the Council and Service Directors have been invited to attend for discussions on this item.</p> <p>Please note that this report contains an appendix with exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. If the Committee wish to discuss this information it may decide to exclude the press and public. (Paragraph 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information))</p>	<p>19 - 40</p>
<p>8. Fire Breaks</p> <p>There are over 2,500 hectares of open space across BCP that include a very diverse range of habitats including amenity parks, heathland, woods, meadows, river corridors, ponds and lakes, and extensive coastal areas comprising cliff, dunes and undercliff habitats. Some of these habitats can be susceptible to arson and wildfire and given that these spaces are managed across different teams, from Countryside and Parks in Environment to Seafront and Tourism in Destination and Culture, a joined up and holistic approach is required to address community concerns from wildfires and how we manage these spaces.</p> <p>This report was requested to consider the current policy on wildfires following a large heathland fire on Canford Heath nature reserve earlier this year, and other wildfire events across BCP. It has been noted how effective the Urban Heaths Partnership was in managing the fire at the time and in related activity in the weeks after, reassuring residents and working collaboratively across many organisations on wildlife rescues, information and education events and campaigns to ban disposable BBQ's.</p> <p>There is significant existing resource dedicated to making our green spaces and nearby land that are susceptible to wildfires, as safe as possible. This report summarises some of this resource and work to enable a discussion at scrutiny.</p>	<p>41 - 50</p>
<p>9. WISE Fly Tipping Enforcement Review</p> <p>To consider the WISE Fly Tipping Enforcement Review Report scheduled for Cabinet consideration on 23 November 2022.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to scrutinise and comment on the report and if required to make recommendations or observations as appropriate.</p> <p>Cabinet members invited to attend for this item: Councillor Mark Anderson, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place and Councillor Bobbie Dove, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Regulatory Services.</p>	<p>51 - 70</p>

10. Work Plan

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The Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and approve the attached work plan for the Committee or make suggestions for amendments as required.

11. Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday 1 March 2023

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.