

# Notice of Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date: Wednesday, 19 July 2023 at 6.00 pm

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

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## Membership:

### Chairman:

Cllr C Rigby

### Vice Chairman:

Cllr R Herrett

Cllr C Adams  
Cllr J Bagwell  
Cllr J Clements

Cllr D d'Orton-Gibson  
Cllr J Martin  
Cllr S McCormack

Cllr S Moore  
Cllr L Northover  
Cllr Dr F Rice

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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?MId=5626>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Claire Johnston 01202 123663 or email [democratic.services@bcpCouncil.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@bcpCouncil.gov.uk)

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11 July 2023

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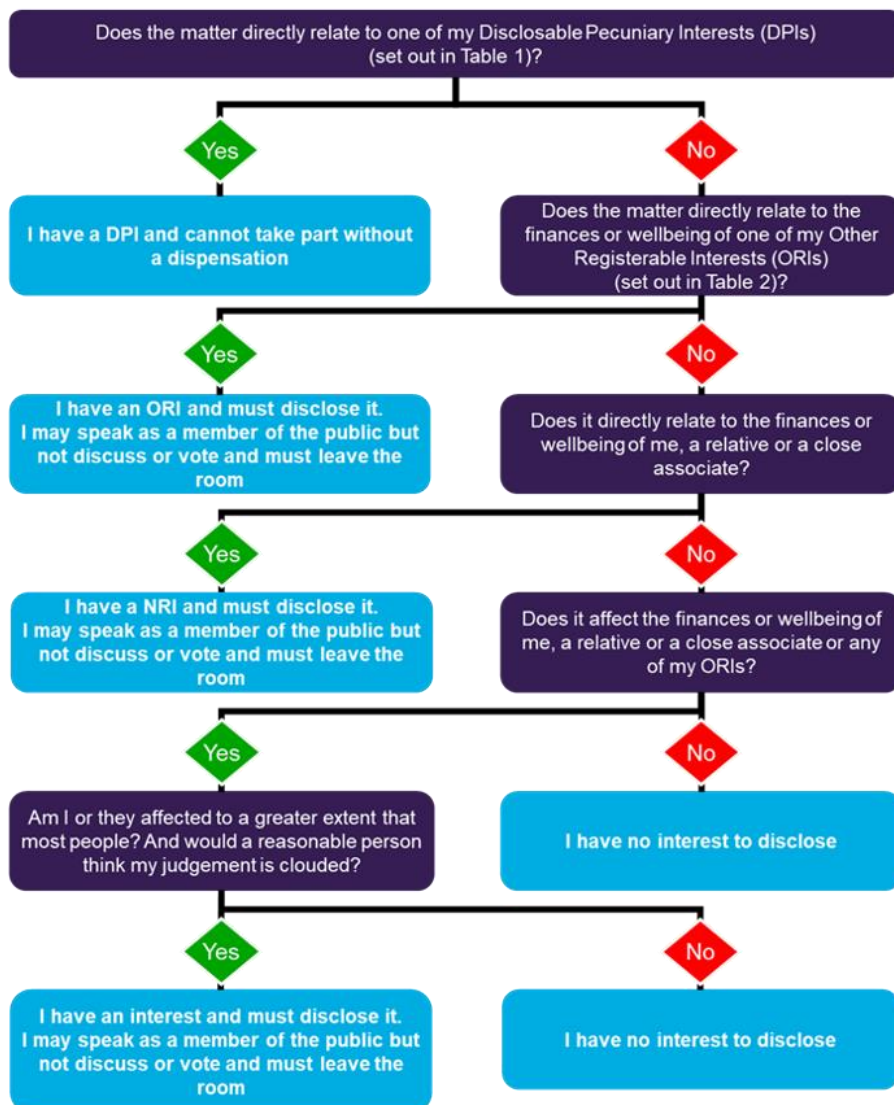


## Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

### 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.

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer  
([susan.zeiss@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto: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 meeting held on 31 May 2023.

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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. Families in Bed and Breakfast/Hotels

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In response to the request from the committee, for a report on family homelessness demand, focusing on those placed in to Bed and Breakfast/Hotel accommodation, this report outlines the current position.

The approach and pathways to prevention, accommodation and support are detailed and data is provided in order to demonstrate the scale of the current

challenge.

The paper sets out the programmes currently underway to respond to the demand and examines future demand to establish additional requirements. Options currently under consideration to meet these requirements are noted. The significant challenge of homelessness demand is the top priority for the Housing service and the BCP Homelessness Partnership. The partnership is holding an away day during the period between the writing of this report and the committee meeting itself. The Homelessness Partnership will be developing a targeted action plan and an update can be provided verbally at the O&S Committee meeting on 19 July.

## **7. Planning Reforms**

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Government's planning reforms are set out in Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill that is currently proceeding through the House of Lords, with publication expected in late 2023. The Council responded positively to the government consultation on the proposals in early 2023.

Whilst the Bill continues to be amended it is unclear what the implications will be for the Local Plan. Promised quick changes to the NPPF have yet to materialise and this uncertainty over national policy on housing targets and Green Belt may delay progress with the Local Plan.

One area that the emerging Local Plan can address is ensuring new development contributes to meeting the climate change target of net zero carbon by 2050. The government's Future Homes Standard is due to be implemented in 2025 and will require homes to be built to reduce carbon emissions by 75-80%.

The emerging local plan is expected to be adopted by 2025 and its timing will align with this new approach. There is also the opportunity to aspire to higher targets, a key objective of the emerging local plan is to achieve carbon neutrality ahead of 2050.

This report focuses on the main aspects of emerging policy to ensure that new building address climate change. This report includes discussion on energy efficiency, carbon reduction, water efficiency, sustainable construction and green infrastructure/urban greening.

Whilst the Council can aspire to go beyond national standards, by introducing policies and standards of its own, there must be a balance. Build costs have soared since the pandemic and housebuilding has significantly slowed with great uncertainty in the economy moving forward. Loading development costs to seek policy outcomes may deter development with implications for the number of much needed homes built. A key question is what government grants will be available to support viability issues in the development industry?

## **8. Work Plan**

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The Place Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Committee is asked to consider and identify work priorities for its next meeting pending a wider review of its Work Plan in a dedicated workshop.

## **9. Future Meeting Dates**

Future meetings for the Committee are scheduled for:

Wednesday 11 October 2023

Wednesday 6 December 2023

Wednesday 6 March 2024