

Notice of Overview and Scrutiny Board



Date: Monday, 8 January 2024 at 6.00 pm

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

Membership:

Chairman:

Cllr S Bartlett

Vice Chairman:

Cllr S Aitkenhead

Cllr P Broadhead
Cllr L Dedman
Cllr B Dove
Cllr C Goodall

Cllr S Moore
Cllr L Northover
Cllr Dr F Rice
Cllr K Salmon

Cllr M Tarling
Cllr T Trent
Cllr O Walters

All Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board 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=5781>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: or email

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

28 December 2023

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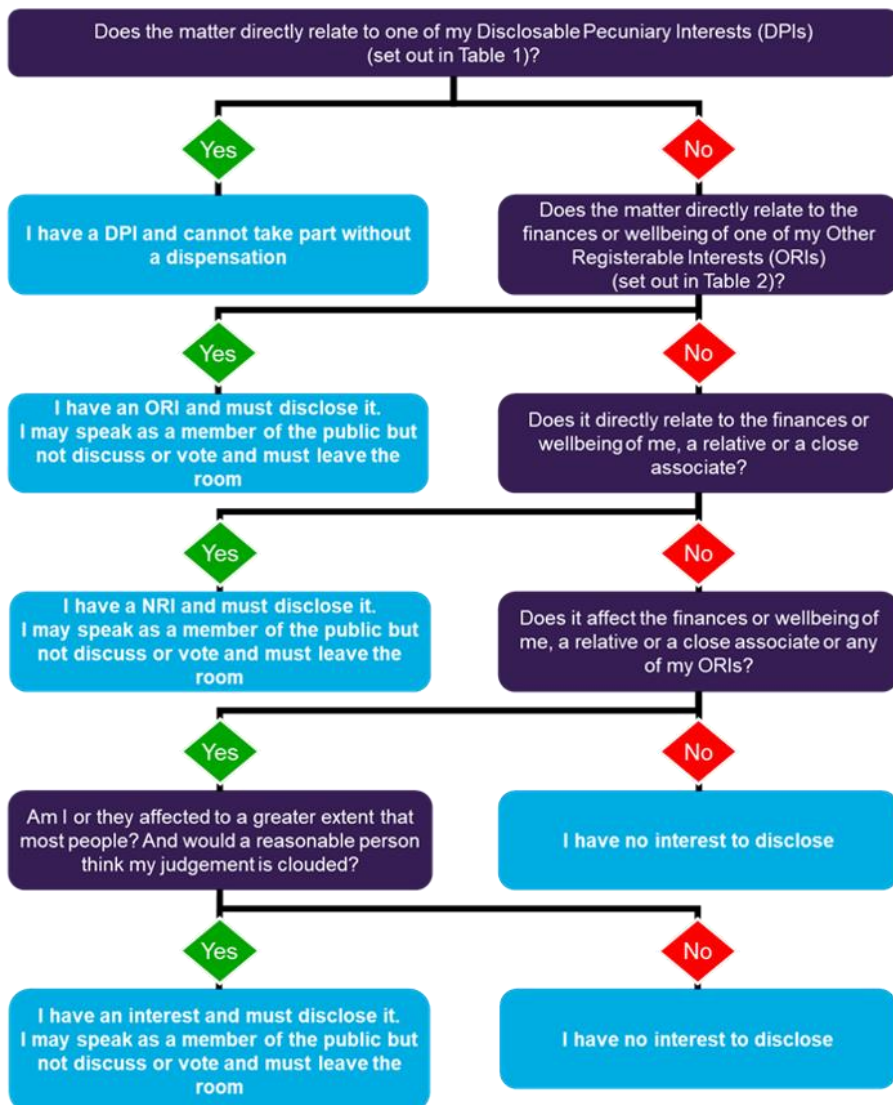


Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

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
(janie.berry@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 13 November and 4 December 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.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bcr=1>

The deadline for the submission of public questions is midday 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.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

6. Q2 2023/24 Corporate Performance Report

BCP Council's priorities and values which underpin the development and delivery of services are set out in the Corporate Strategy.

A new Corporate Strategy was approved by Cabinet in December 2023 and

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is expected to have been adopted by council before this paper is considered. New delivery plans and key performance measures will be considered by Cabinet in April 2024.

Until then, performance is assessed on the actions and measures detailed in the Corporate Strategy adopted by Full Council in November 2019 and delivery plans that were revised in February 2022.

The appended performance report shows progress with measures set out in the delivery plans and any additional measures agreed by Cabinet as part of the performance reporting process, for quarter two of 2023/24 (July to September 2023).

Individual exception reports provide explanations and planned actions to address under performance. The appended report also provides a further update on the delivery plan actions.

A new section on public health measures has been added so performance can be considered alongside BCP Council delivery areas.

In addition, appendix 2 shows a progress update as of December 2023, on the Council's response to being issued with a 'Best Value Notice' by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) in August 2023.

7. Council Companies - Shareholder Governance Review

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This report sets out the action taken to ensure appropriate and effective governance of Council owned companies including the independent governance review undertaken by DLUHC, a self-assessment review of Council-owned companies undertaken by the Council's internal audit team, and the governance review undertaken by the Interim Chair of BCP FuturePlaces Ltd which considered lessons learnt over the first year of operation.

Following the work undertaken above and the subsequent closure of BCP FuturePlaces Ltd, a review of shareholder governance arrangements for all Council-owned companies was undertaken by the Interim Corporate Director of Resources in November 2023.

The review recommends changes designed to provide clearer understanding of the respective roles, decision-making arrangements, and improved accountability along with next steps for implementation.

8. Library Strategy - discussion item

No report

For the Portfolio Holder for Customer, Communications and Culture to discuss with the Overview and Scrutiny Board their views on the direction of travel for this strategy.

9. Overview and Scrutiny Action Plan

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The Overview and Scrutiny Board requested an update on the progress against the Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) action plan which sets out strategic actions agreed by Council to assist in improving O&S within BCP Council.

The action plan is attached at Appendix 1 and provides a detailed update on progress against actions as of December 2023.

10. Forward Plan

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The Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Board is asked to consider and identify work priorities for publication in a Forward Plan.

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.