

Notice of Overview and Scrutiny Board

Date: Tuesday, 2 April 2024 at 6.00 pm

Venue: HMS Phoebe, BCP Civic Centre, Bournemouth BH2 6DY



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.

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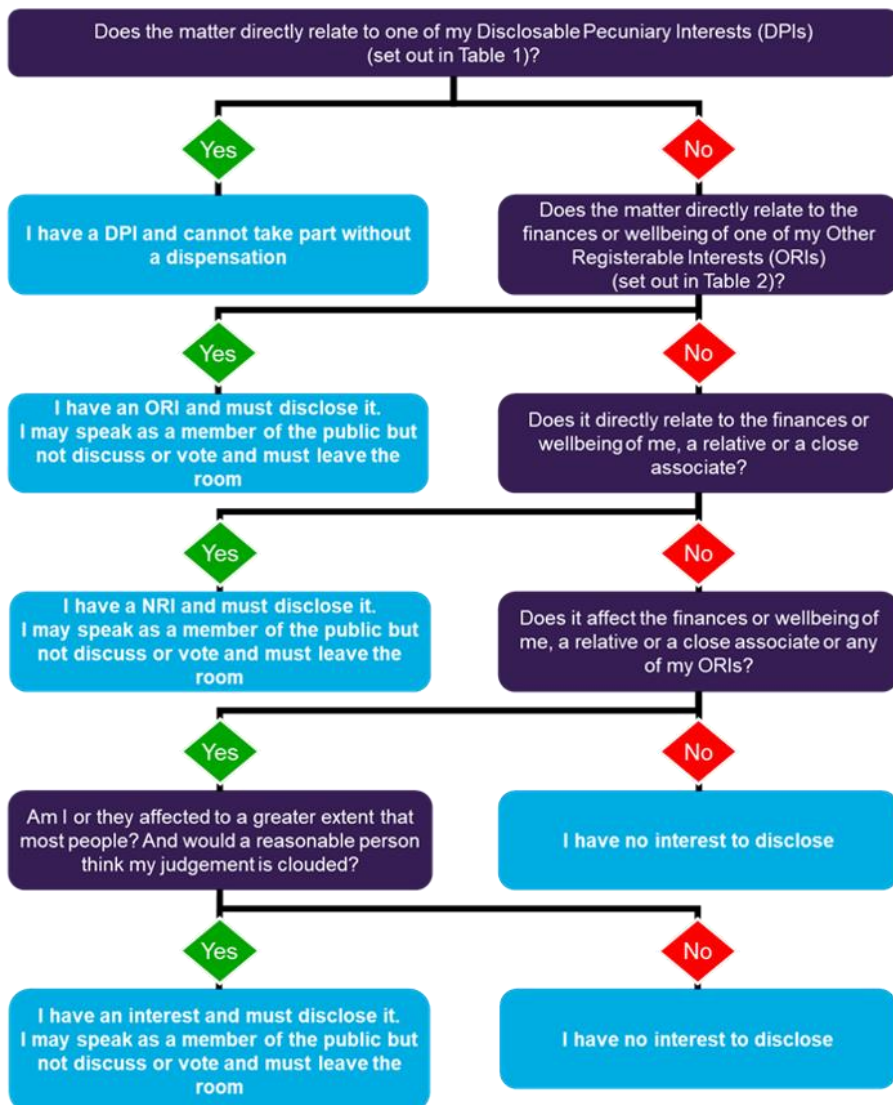


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Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

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 26 February 2024.

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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:-

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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. Exclusion of Press and Public

In relation to the items of business appearing below, the Committee is asked to consider the following resolution if required: -

‘That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs such interest in disclosing the information.’

(Paragraph 3 refers to Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information))

7. Disposal of Land at Wessex Fields, Riverside Avenue

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This report presents a proposal to dispose of council owned land at Wessex Fields, Riverside Avenue, Bournemouth BH7 7EE, on the open market, or through direct sale, at an agreed RICS Red Book Valuation, to the University Hospital Dorset NHS Foundation Trust.

8. Work Plan

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The Overview and Scrutiny Board is asked to consider the work priorities for its next meeting.

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.

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 February 2024 at 6.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr S Bartlett – Chairman

Cllr S Aitkenhead – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr P Broadhead, Cllr S Moore, Cllr L Northover, Cllr Dr F Rice,
Cllr K Salmon, Cllr M Tarling, Cllr T Trent, Cllr O Walters,
Cllr A Chapmanlaw and Cllr M Phipps
Present Cllr B Dove
Virtually:

Also in Cllr M Earl, Cllr A Hadley and Cllr V Slade
attendance:

47. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr L Dedman and Cllr C Goodall.

48. Substitute Members

Cllr M Phipps substituted for Cllr L Dedman and Cllr A Chapmanlaw substituted for Cllr Goodall.

49. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

50. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 January were approved as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

- Clause 41 - To include the relevant agenda item number in the declarations of interest made.
- Clause 43 - To include the full response from the Portfolio Holder to the second public question.
- Clause 45 – To amend the adjournment start time from 7.54pm to 8.54pm.

51. Public Issues

There were no public petitions or questions on this occasion. There were 2 public statements received, as follows:

1. From Mr Adam Osman – Local Resident, read out by Democratic Services:

The proposal to maintain the default speed limit on residential streets falls short. The average walk to school is 2km in the UK; a 2km radius of every school in BCP would cover the entire conurbation. Children need protection via 20mph speed limits. A piecemeal approach would merely confuse drivers, half solve the issue and would cost more, with on and off signage.

I question the figure of £300m to retrofit speed limits. I believe this figure is disproportionately large and must be reviewed.

I query the need for enforcement of 20mph limits being a barrier to implementation. This is far from the case as we know 30mph limits aren't enforced. There is no reason we cannot work towards enforcement while implementing 20mph now. Do authorities not allow 20mph without enforcement? If not so, this is a major barrier to progress, and should be tackled.

2. From Mr Nick Greenwood – Local Resident:

'Dorset Police and GSC Morebus have expressed concerns about the 20-mph limit according to notes for the Cabinet Meeting on 6 March 2024.

Data produced in support of 20 mph limit cannot be trusted because of Political eco-warrior bias to the 2030 Agenda. If the data could be trusted then there should be a case for 12 or 15 mph limits which should be debated. The likely pragmatic difficulties of not using these lower speed limits could be argued for the reduction from 30 mph.

The 20 mph limit are part of a bigger scheme and are tied in with 15-minute Neighbourhoods from the 2030 Agenda designed and implemented by the UN and World Economic Forum in the pursuit of World Governance.

Hence the subjectivity of those making biased decisions on an unwilling or uninformed Public. This should be exposed so the Public can make objective decisions.

The Chair agreed to vary the order of business to take agenda item 7 Wessex Fields Update next.

52. Wessex Fields Update

The Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Dynamic Places provided an update to the Board. It was explained that at the time of the request being made for an update to the Board on this issue there were no plans to change anything which had previously been agreed. The Wessex Fields site had been handed over as a project to FuturePlaces and all

FuturePLaces work was being wrapped up into bundles and would be presented to Cabinet at a future date. It was confirmed that as of the end of 2023 Wessex Fields was not being considered a priority site.

Since then, BCP Council had been approached with an offer to purchase the land. The Cross-Party Strategic Asset Disposal \working Group was due to consider the offer at a meeting on 8 March. If the group endorsed the proposal, it would be considered by Cabinet on 10 April and then by Council depending on the valuation level. The meeting was advised that until anything was agreed by the working group there was nothing further to report. The Cross-Party Working Group had a set of agreed criteria against which it would assess the offer. A number of issues were raised by the Board in the subsequent discussion including:

- Whether the arrangements for phase 2 of the A338 works for the northbound slip road and roundabout within this area would be affected. It was noted that it could not be confirmed until heads of terms were agreed.
- Whether the purpose of the site would be ancillary or compatible with the hospital. The Board was advised that without disclosing who the offer had been received from it would be difficult to give any further information.
- Prior to the offer being made any report on this issue would have explained that this was a FuturePLaces site and that any work they had done would come within a future update to Cabinet about what the next steps would have been.
- There were concerns raised that it had been heard that the Council had dropped its plans for the development of Wessex Fields, namely the aspiration for the area being a science/biotech type industry-based employment area. It was noted that the requirement for the area was to generate a certain number of jobs and it did not dictate a specific purpose for the site. The Local Plan identified it as a primary employment site.
- The Working Group would consider issues around best value for the site and decide whether to recommend on to Cabinet and Council in accordance with the key principles as agreed by the working group in accordance with section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972. The offer must also meet the independent red book valuation. The current offer was deemed to be credible and would be followed up.
- It was noted that in general there was not a policy to always sell to highest bidder buy default. A site that would be of huge social and community value may be sold at a lower price to someone which would develop it in this way.
- The Chief Finance Officer explained in response to a query regarding whether it was imperative to sell the site to balance the budget that the budget had been set but there was a £3.8 million shortfall, which could be addressed by a schedule of assets that were under consideration which potentially could realise that value and any conversation about Wessex Fields, if that was turned into receipt, would've been able to be a contribution towards the £3.8 million.

The Chairman advised that if a proposal was taken to Cabinet this would first come through O&S Board at its next meeting and thanked those present for providing information.

53. Our People and Communities: 20mph options appraisal

The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Connected Communities and the Portfolio Holder for Response Environment and Energy presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these minutes in the Minute Book. The Board was advised that the purpose of the Cabinet report was to present the outputs of a review of local and national 20mph initiatives and to seek endorsement for a programme to enable the delivery of 20mph speed limits to create safer neighbourhoods across the three towns and make journeys by all modes safer. It was proposed that this would be achieved in areas through consultation with residents in priority communities, and through the reinstatement of a dedicated 20mph speed limit budget allocation within the Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital programme. The Board was advised that there were approximately 77 areas across the conurbation that already had 20mph speed limits and further proposed areas were outlined in the appendix to the report. There were a number of issues raised by the Board including:

- What would be addressed by the £149k budget and would this include any legislative changes required? It was noted that this budget would cover approximately three of the areas outlined on the map in the appendix to provide signage and roundels. There would also be a need for Traffic Regulation Orders for each 20-mph area introduced. Rolling out the process in area zones rather than by streets would be more cost effective.
- The Deputy Leader confirmed in response to a question that it was their long-term ambition to have 20 mph roads as default for residential neighbourhoods, with some exceptions. This would be dependent upon the funding which could be achieved from the Department of Transport and based upon the advice from the RoSPA regarding the use of 20mph in residential neighbourhoods.
- Some expressed the view that it was disappointing that all the areas could not be rolled out faster across the whole conurbation but appreciated that a dedicated budget was being introduced.
- It was confirmed that there would be TROs introduced and the process for these followed in terms of consultation, for any of the 20 mph areas.
- A member questioned why the money was being allocated for a number of schemes before consultation had taken place with the public on whether they wanted these to be introduced and commented that the public had lost confidence in Council consultations. In response it was noted that there were approximately sixty requests for 20mph schemes which had not yet been implemented. It was noted that a full consultation was expected to take up all of the money the report was requesting. A Councillor asked that if there was a consultation, everyone needed to be aware of it.

- A member advised that they received lots of correspondence from residents seeking the implementation of 20 mph zones.
- There was a need for a flexible and sensible approach with a system of consulting where it had been found there was a demand.
- It was questioned whether bus routes would be included in 20mph zones. It was noted that this would be considered for relevant roads. It was noted that bus companies suggested the bus average speed was 12-13 mph. It was therefore felt that the 20mph introduction would have a minimal impact.
- It was suggested that some areas would need more than just sign language to make a 20mph zone work.
- In response to a question, it was noted that the £300 million figure would be based on a zone approach to reduce speeds across the conurbation, including speed bumps, chicanes etc.
- It was suggested that consideration should also be given to the provision of 20mph around pre-school settings.
- The biggest issue in the area for speed was the congestion not the speed limit. It was quicker to drive through 20mph zones rather than using the peripheral roads.
- The paper was welcomed by a number of Councillors in relation to the safety aspect particularly round schools and nurseries. Councillors also questioned how areas would be prioritised. Conversely others suggested there was little evidence that reducing speed limits from 30mph to 20mph made roads safer and that congestion and pollution increased with lower speed limits.

Following discussion a move was made, seconded, and subsequently amended to support the recommendation outlined in the report with a comment that when zones or roads come up there should be robust public consultation.

During discussion of the move a further proposal was made that Cabinet be recommended to support option A and that 20 mph scheme limits should be introduced as part of the delivery of schemes around schools and where historically significant numbers of casualties had arisen. Following a vote on the initial motion it was:

RESOLVED That Option B as outlined in the report, be recommended to Cabinet for its approval subject to Cabinet committing to robust and meaningful consultation on each 20mph area and that residents' views be taken into account before any decisions on implementation are made.

Voting: For 8; Against 3

Note: Cllr Tarling left the meeting prior to the vote being taken.

The motion to recommend option A was not put to the vote as this would conflict with the previously agreed motion.

Following this, a further motion was put, seconded and it was:

RECOMMENDED that as part of the ongoing process, Cabinet considers focusing identifying areas around schools and pre-school settings for the introduction of 20mph road safety measures.

Voting: Unanimous

54. Forward Plan

The Scrutiny Specialist presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'C' to these Minutes in the Minute Book. The Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Board was asked to consider and identify work priorities for publication in a Forward Plan. The Board was advised that the O&S Board should be separate from the Cabinet and Administration but there would be arrangements made to meet with Cabinet quarterly. The Plan was intended to help drive independence of the Board rather than the reliance on Cabinet items for scrutiny. It was noted that it would be useful to establish a series of informal briefings which could provide an early outline for issues and input towards the direction of travel.

Decisions from workshops were potentially also linked to pre-decision scrutiny. Proactive scrutiny could also be done through smaller working groups etc. and not necessarily done through Board meetings.

The Chairman confirmed the items for the next meeting of the Board which would include the Seafront Strategy, Pay and Reward and Wessex Fields - depending on whether it moved forward for Cabinet decision.

The Board RESOLVED

- a) That the Forward Plan be noted.**
- b) That the agreements made in O&S workshops to develop a lens and a framework for scrutiny, as set out in Appendix E to the report be confirmed.**
- c) That the next steps in developing the Board's work programme, as set out in Appendix E to this report be noted.**

Voting: Nem. Con

The meeting ended at 8.58 pm

CHAIRMAN

CABINET



Report subject	Disposal of Land at Wessex Fields, Riverside Avenue
Meeting date	10 April 2024
Status	Public Report with Confidential Appendices
Executive summary	This report presents a proposal to dispose of council owned land at Wessex Fields, Riverside Avenue, Bournemouth BH7 7EE, on the open market, or through direct sale, at an agreed RICS Red Book Valuation, to the University Hospital Dorset NHS Foundation Trust.
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet recommend that Council:</p> <p>Decide whether to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Approve the disposal of the council owned land at Wessex Fields to the University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust on such terms to be approved by the Director of Finance acting in his capacity as Corporate Property Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, or 2 Approve the disposal of the council owned land at Wessex Fields by way of an Open Process and on such terms to be approved by the Director of Finance acting in his capacity as Corporate Property Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance.
Reason for recommendations	<p>To obtain approval for the disposal of land at the Wessex Fields site located at Riverside Avenue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sale will generate a capital receipt to support the funding of the Council's Transformation Investment Programme. The council could achieve specific socio-economic benefits as the purchase by the hospital could unlock substantial health benefits for the wider area. Disposal of the site to University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust could evidence best value in financial terms, as the capital receipt would be determined in accordance with a RICS Red Book Valuation.
Portfolio Holder(s):	Cllr. Mike Cox, Portfolio Holder for Finance

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Wards	Littledown and Iford
Classification	For Recommendation

Background

1. Wessex Fields is a vacant site located 5km east to Bournemouth Town Centre. It is situated to the northeast of Castle Lane East and the Royal Bournemouth Hospital and to the southeast of The Wessex Way Spur Road (A338). The Friends of the Elderly Nursing Care Home and Stour Valley Park are located directly to the East. The Crown and County Courts, Troika Business Park and JP Morgan Business Campus are close by. The site is a subset of the wider development area called the Wessex Fields land.
2. A new connecting road to serve Royal Bournemouth Hospital from the A338 access road through the site is under contract with BCP Council. Construction of this road, called the Wessex Link Road, has just commenced on site and is due to be completed later this year.
3. The site was acquired freehold by Bournemouth Borough Council on 25 January 2017 as part of a much wider land deal with the help of grant funding from Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership. The wider land was subsequently sold leaving 2 separate plots of land within BCP ownership. In December 2023 BCP Council activated an option to buy back some land from University Hospital Dorset NHS Foundation Trust to allow these two plots to be connected and form one relatively level land holding.
4. During the period of ownership, the Council has been exploring options for development and planning permission was finally granted in 2019 for a 'spine' road and junction from it to the A338. The case was made that this would unlock the site for development and economic benefits including jobs and reducing congestion. This was the second planning application after the first was withdrawn in December 2017 to enable the Council to take account of comments from statutory consultees, key stakeholders, and members of the public. Planning permission was granted following a decision by the Secretary of State to decline to "call-in" the decision.
5. Following the creation of BCP Council in 2019, a public engagement event to generate ideas for the use of land at Wessex Fields took place locally on 7 January 2020 at The Bridge on the Littledown Centre campus, opposite the Wessex Fields site and University Hospitals Dorset.
6. A report was presented to the Cabinet in March 2020 summarising the findings.
7. The majority of feedback supported healthcare and research uses within the development, provided congestion was not made worse and the environmental impact is mitigated by plenty of green spaces and provision of

renewable energy. The addition of keyworker or affordable housing was also supported although the increased vehicles were cited as a downside. The ability for keyworkers to walk to work at the hospital could form part of a solution to this concern. Private housing schemes received no support.

8. Following this, and in line with the approved recommendation, officers were authorised to undertake soft market testing, and JLL were appointed to run this in late summer of 2020. Their report was published as part of a Cabinet report in December 2020.
9. This report reviewed the options for next steps put forward by JLL. It sought consent in principle to dispose of part of the site adjoining the hospital boundary to University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust in partnership with Bournemouth University and determine the exact future development structure and collaboration for the remainder of the site which would be subject to a further Cabinet approval. This recommendation was approved.
10. Between 2021 and 2023 BCP Future Places Limited (BCP Council's wholly owned Urban Regeneration Company) were asked to look at the site's development potential. The company developed a masterplan that covered the BCP Council site and three other neighbouring sites in different ownerships. They proposed a development mix of commercial offices, academic research, keyworker housing, market and affordable residential housing, a care home, assisted living, recuperative living and a local retail centre offer to support these uses.
11. On 27 September 2023 BCP Council decided on the orderly closure of BCP FuturePlaces, and to reassess the future options for the Wessex Fields site. It was decided to focus the limited Council regeneration resource on bringing forward three other priority sites (Dolphin Leisure Centre, Holes Bay, and BIC/Winter Gardens) that are 100% owned by the Council and capable of providing much needed housing and other benefits as part of the wider regeneration strategy.
12. Following the publication of the reduced development list, and considering the Council's budgetary constraints, The University Hospital Dorset NHS Foundation Trust (UHD) initially approached the Council in October 2023 and then confirmed their interest in acquiring the freehold of BCP's land holding in January 2024 in accordance with the heads of terms set out in **Confidential Appendix 1**. The acceptance of the proposal is conditional on receiving full Council approval to the sale at a sale price determined via a RICS Red Book Valuation.
13. The University Hospital Dorset NHS Foundation Trust have indicated they wish to develop the site for medical, health, technology, and research development with hospital keyworker housing. They intend to build a spine road through the site to connect all uses. The aspiration is for this road to be capable of connecting the new Wessex Link Road to Deansleigh Road should UHD be able to acquire a small additional plot of land.
14. These plans are in accordance with the previous stakeholder feedback and the emerging Local Plan which states under Policy E5 that the wider Wessex Fields Land remains an important strategic employment site that can also help address local area transport and movement issues. Keyworker housing will be considered but only where it does not result in the loss of any existing employment floorspace and does not compromise the delivery of the quantum of employment uses set out in the policy. Any development should include a new east-west vehicle, pedestrian, and cycle link from Wessex Way to Deansleigh Road and a

north-south pedestrian and cycle link to Riverside Avenue from Deansleigh Road. Details of the site are set out in **Confidential Appendix 2**.

15. A sale to UHD will be in line with “One Public Estate” principles, (as embodied in Principle 5 below.) This is an approach promoted by the Local Government Association and Cabinet Office to encourage public bodies to collaborate where possible and to adopt a shared vision for the use of public sector assets with the aim of unlocking public land to create economic growth (new homes and jobs) and delivering more integrated, customer focused services. Transactions undertaken to promote these principles must still comply with the existing requirements for the disposal of local authority assets.

Cross-Party Strategic Asset Disposal Working Group

16. The Cross-Party Strategic Asset Disposal Working Group was created to aid transparency in the disposal process for council-owned surplus assets. It is not a formal decision-making body but makes recommendations to Cabinet in accordance with a set of principles endorsed by Cabinet on 26 July 2023. These are as follows:

Principle 1: We will ensure sufficient assets disposals are secured to enable the councils Transformation Programme costs to be fully funded by the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts. This will require disposal of assets where completion can be guaranteed by the 31 March of the relevant financial year and to the required amount.

Principle 2: Pursuant with s123 of the Local Government Act 1972, we will ensure Best Value is achieved in respect of any asset disposal by ensuring the value achieves the Red Book Valuation as a minimum. We will also consider the use of overage clauses, where appropriate, to benefit from any future uplift in value.

Principle 3: We will constantly challenge ourselves as to the basis for holding any asset to ensure our portfolio is managed in an efficient and effective way. Holding costs and ability to reduce carbon footprint will be salient factors.

Principle 4: We will look to dispose of surplus, under-used, vacant land & buildings unless there is a strong strategic rationale for holding them for example - support future service delivery, regeneration, housing, or place making.

Principle 5: Provided consistent with other principles, we will support the acquisition of assets by community organisations and other public sector bodies such as Town and Parish Councils.

Principle 6: Estates Team capacity will be focused on the delivery of the required asset disposals.

17. In January 2024 the Cross-Party Strategic Asset Disposal Working Group highlighted the Wessex Field site as a potential asset for disposal for the financial year 2024/25 to help fund the Transformation Programme.
18. The proposal from UHD was put to the Cross-Party Strategic Asset Disposal Working Group at a meeting held on the 8 March 2024. A copy of the report presented to the working group is presented at **Confidential Appendix 3**.
19. The report noted that the UHD proposal is in line with these principles, particularly principles 4 and 5, and that disposal is supported by the Council's Asset Management Strategy which emphasises that the Council should constantly challenge itself as to the basis for holding any asset to ensure its

portfolio is managed in an efficient and effective way. It should reflect on the cost to the public purse of holding assets and should dispose of surplus, under-used or vacant land and buildings.

20. The report set out that the Wessex Fields site is vacant and no longer part of the Council's priority regeneration plan. Retaining the site in the short to medium term will carry a cost to the Council. A site management plan will be required to manage ecology to ensure the site remains capable of being developed and to ensure site security (minimise incidents involving trespassers and anti-social behaviour). There is an ongoing risk of invasive plant species colonising the site.
21. The group noted the socio-economic benefit inherent in selling the site to UHD and were mindful of the need for keyworker housing, in particular homes for nurses. They recognised that this benefit may not be present if the site was purchased by a private party or developer.
22. The group was satisfied that the principles were being met by the proposal from UHD. However, the final recommendation, set out below, reflected concern over the relatively short timeline and a desire to be able to demonstrate that Best Value had been obtained via an open and transparent process which would mitigate the possibility of any legal challenges:

If Cabinet is so minded to dispose of the site, that it does so by way of an open process, marketing the site on the open market for a 2–3-month period of time, with the expectation that the highest offer being the preferred preference of disposal. In addition, the Group felt strongly that the aspiration of the site as per the local plan be demonstrated by the accepted bidder.
23. Following the meeting of the Cross-Party Strategic Asset Disposal Working Group, further discussions have taken place with UHD who have confirmed that the funding earmarked for this transaction will not be available after this financial year and that they may not be in a position to make an offer at a later date should the Council proceed to sale on the open market.
24. On 15 March 2024 Rob Whiteman, the Chair of University Hospital Dorset NHS Foundation Trust, issued a letter to the Leader of the Council (**Appendix 4**) setting out their vision for the site and reiterating that a decision to sell to UHD will provide strong social value to the area, with benefits to taxpayers, patients, and NHS staff. The letter sets out that their plans will make a positive and material step to address both the housing shortage and traffic congestion of the Royal Bournemouth Hospital site whilst unlocking a net-zero carbon development. UHD aim to create much needed keyworker housing to ensure an NHS workforce with capacity to serve the community; education and training facilities; and further the goal of a Life Science Centre/Dorset Medical School, in addition to offering strong environmental benefits.
25. Senior Council Officers have revisited the proposal with the Leader and Cabinet Members and have considered the benefits of selling the land to UHD which include:
 - Selling to UHD will produce a certain land receipt to contribute to the Council's Transformation Programme within the 2024/25 financial year. To comply with the duty to obtain best consideration the sale price has been determined following an RICS valuation and an overage clause will be included in the sales agreement as per the heads of terms.

- UHD aspire to develop the site for medical, health, technology, and medical research along with hospital keyworker housing which accords with the previously stated BCP Council vision for site development.
 - The hospital owns the neighbouring site, and this transaction will give them control over the landholding to pursue their plans which are in accordance with the BCP Council emerging draft Local Plan and previously received public and stakeholder feedback.
 - Disposal to the Trust does not affect the future creation of road access to and from the site to the northbound carriageway of the A338. The Council will retain a small piece of land that will allow any future road/grade separated junction to and from the A338 northbound carriageway to connect with the new Wessex Link Road roundabout.
 - The new Wessex Link Road and roundabout are excluded from the sale and will remain in Council ownership to be adopted as highway upon completion later this year.
26. Noting the recommendation from the Cross-Party Strategic Asset Disposal Working Group, and considering the above factors, Senior Officers are recommending sale of the site to UHD as it is considered on balance that the transaction offers substantial socio-economic and health benefits for the wider area and will evidence best consideration in financial terms, as the capital receipt has been determined in accordance with a RICS Red Book Valuation.
27. This matter is due to be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 2 April and their views will be fed into the Cabinet's consideration of the sale on 10 April, for recommendation on to the Council.
28. UHD have offered to present to Overview and Scrutiny on 2 April 2024 to reassure members that their plans for the site are both deliverable and accord with stakeholder feedback, Council aspirations, and the requirements of the emerging Local Plan. Any feedback from Overview and Scrutiny will be provided to Cabinet who will consider their preferred course of action to recommend to the Council meeting on 20 April for final decision.
29. A number of stakeholders, previously engaged by BCP FuturePlaces in plans for the site, were contacted by letter on 1 March 2024 to inform them that the Council were considering disposal. One of the parties raised concerns that the spine road might not be built if the Council sells the land. This presents a potential risk of judicial review. However, following assurances from UHD of their intentions for the site, including a desire to reduce congestion, letters of support for the sale have been offered by neighbouring businesses including Midland House LLP, Troika Developments and Ageas Insurance (copies to be appended once received), which should provide a degree of reassurance to the Council.
30. Should the Council decide not to accept the offer from UHD but still wish to dispose of the site, as per the Cross-Party Strategic Asset Disposal Working Group recommendation above, the Red Book Valuation would need to be updated prior to marketing. The current Market Value has been assessed by an RICS independent valuer and is based upon special "assumptions". These are context specific matters which can affect how a property or interest is valued, for example the cost to construct the spine road which will change over time. Once a revised Market Value is ascertained an agent would need to be appointed to openly market the site for at least two months and then manage a formal bidding process.

31. There is no guarantee that a bidding process will result in a better offer for the property than that offered by UHD.
32. Selling the land through an open market process will demonstrate the best consideration has been achieved at that time and provides the opportunity for any interested party to make a formal bid for the land. However, a sale will only be achieved if an offer exceeds the independent Red Book Valuation.

Conditions associated with any disposal.

33. In considering the disposal of this asset there are a number of factors which need to be resolved including.

Long leasehold or freehold. To maximise the capital receipt, we are proposing a freehold sale. Leasehold would allow the Council to retain an element of control but would generate a lower capital receipt.

Recommended option is for a freehold disposal.

Whole site or subdivided into small plots. The proposed sale is for the whole plot. We believe this achieves best value as this elongated site can only currently be accessed through the northeast corner.

Recommended option is to sell the whole site.

Sold as seen or sold subject to planning conditions. Sold as seen is the quickest route to the delivery of a capital receipt and the quickest route to avoiding ongoing holding costs and ownership risk. A sale subject to planning may generate a higher receipt value but the risk of the planning process sits with the Council.

Recommended option sold as seen.

34. Due diligence associated with the valuation process will determine the extent to which overage clauses relating to future developments on the site are included in the sales contract.

Options Appraisal

35. The alternative options to selling the site are:

- a. Reignite the BCP Future Places Ltd larger development proposal – This allows BCP to retain control over what is developed on the site, the quality of build, placemaking and build programme.

However, no outline business case was prepared by BCP Future Places Ltd for the masterplan development at Wessex Fields and the financial appraisal was never formally finalised. At the time the project was put on hold in September 2023 BCP Future Places Limited were:

- Investigating the potential structure of collaboration agreements and land pooling arrangements to allow mutually agreed sharing of costs, values, and financial outcomes between different landowners.
- Investigating procurement channels to outsource development execution to competent developers and to decide the most appropriate partnership structure.
- Undertaking embryonic grant funding discussions.
- Investigating utility solutions.

This option is potentially complex and high risk involving an initial estimated development cost of £230m to £240m. There is no certainty that multiple landowners will collaborate over the long time required to execute development. Actual execution of the development works, and associated management would

need to be procured. BCP Council have limited funds, the project is outside current risk appetite and does not meet priority regeneration strategy objectives.

- b. Formulate new employment development proposals for the site within BCP ownership. BCP Council have limited funds, the site does not meet priority regeneration strategy objectives and collaboration with other landowners would still be required to deliver the transport infrastructure required by the BCP emerging Local Plan. A joint venture partnership with a developer could be considered but the land value that BCP Council could contribute would be very low compared to the development construction cost. BCP would therefore need to borrow funds to equalise the partnership or accept a junior partnership role. The latter is clearly undesirable.
 - c. Do nothing. Initiate an Estate Management Plan to proactively manage ecology and security with ongoing operational cost.
36. Selling the site allows achievement of a capital receipt. Whilst BCP Council would lose control of site development the emerging BCP Local Plan clearly articulates the strategic site development objectives that need to be achieved for a purchaser to secure a planning consent. The emerging Local Plan also states that a spine road (including cycle lanes) should be constructed through the site from the Wessex Way to Deansleigh Road as part of any development proposal. The anticipation is this road will be built as publicly adopted highway. Quality of placemaking and build could be controlled via detailed planning consent conditions.

Summary of financial implications

37. The current estimated sales value is included in **Confidential Appendix 5**. The updated market value has been determined by an independent RICS Red Book Valuation for the purposes of disposal. The Council will offset any costs associated with the disposal from this capital receipt.
38. Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership grant funding for the BCP Council land purchase in 2017 was to help create 500 new jobs and to protect 10,000 existing jobs in the immediate area. The Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership are unaware of any clawback provisions relating to this grant. As part of legal due diligence all documents will be reviewed to check there are no provisions that would adversely affect predicted financial receipts from a land sale.

Summary of legal implications

39. Council is empowered (pursuant to Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972) to sell land that it holds, and it may do so in any manner that it wishes. This is however subject to the proviso that the Secretary of State's consent is needed to any disposal which is considered not to be at the best price that can be obtained or is to be at an undervalue.
40. The Council may therefore choose to sell the property freehold (unconditionally or subject to conditions) or may offer to grant a long leasehold (of sufficient duration to enable development).
41. However, it should be noted that the terms on which the land/interest in the land is offered for sale will affect the valuation of the land. A disposal of land via private treaty to an adjoining landowner is acceptable provided that the Council can demonstrate it has received the best consideration from doing so and it is not a transaction at an under value.
42. Council must demonstrate that it has satisfied its duty in this regard, and this can be by way of marketing or through an independent valuation or both. However,

case law has established that there is no requirement to follow either route as a matter of principle.

43. A RICS Red Book Valuation has been obtained to establish the sum agreed with UHD represents the best consideration that can be reasonably obtained.
44. Further, this valuation confirms that there will be no questions of subsidy to consider as the sale price is at market value.
45. The sale of the site for the highest price offered after marketing would also demonstrate that the Section 123 duty has been satisfied. However, if the site is to be offered for sale on the open market it is recommended that Council obtain further, up to date, valuations of the site prior to commencing the marketing to ensure that bids can be properly considered.
46. A person with a sufficient legal interest in a decision of a public body can apply to the court for a review of the decision-making process and a determination of whether the decision is validly made. The Courts can set aside a decision which has been made in a manner that is illegal, irrational, or procedurally unfair. During proceedings the Courts may also impose an injunction preventing implementation of the decision pending final determination and the costs to a public body of defending an application can be significant.
47. In line with the Council's Constitution, Council approval is required for any asset disposal where the receipt is predicted to be more than £500,000.
48. Contracts for the sale of land must be in writing and incorporate all of the terms agreed between the parties. All documents will need to be prepared by Legal Services for approval in accordance with any delegations.
49. Additional information on implications can be found at **Confidential Appendix 6**.

Summary of human resources implications

50. There are no direct human resources implications of this decision.

Summary of sustainability impact

51. The Asset Management Plan recognises the estate should be sustainable and carbon neutral. As there are currently no buildings on site there will be no direct carbon impact from this decision.
52. Most of the site comprises "other neutral grasslands" which are of moderate ecological value and scattered trees of local ecological value. The site does contain hedgerows which are habitats of principal importance as identified by the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. This will need to be factored into of any future development proposal and considered as part of the planning process.
53. The site is a subset of the wider development area called the Wessex Fields land. Under Policy E5 of the BCP Council emerging draft local plan the wider Wessex Fields Land remains an important strategic employment site that can also help address local area transport and movement issues. Keyworker housing will be considered but only where it does not result in the loss of any existing employment floorspace and does not compromise the delivery of the quantum of employment uses set out in the policy. Any development should include a new east-west vehicle, pedestrian, and cycle link from Wessex Way to Deansleigh Road and a north-south pedestrian and cycle link to Riverside Avenue from Deansleigh Road. Any new homes will be built to the future homes standard as set out in the draft Local Plan.

54. A Decision Impact Assessment has been carried out (DIA Number 636) and the carbon footprint of the decision to dispose of the land is deemed to be low. No adverse comments were received back from subject matter experts across the organisation.

Summary of public health implications

55. There are no direct public health implications associated with this decision.

Summary of equality implications

56. An EIA screening tool has been completed and was reviewed by the EIA Panel on 20 March. The panel concluded that Option 1 – Disposal to UHD - had more positive equalities' impacts than Option 2 as it would see improvements in all six of the domains identified by the Equality and Human Rights Commission. In particular: work, living standards, health, and participation. The panel found it difficult to quantify what equality impacts would result from disposal on the open market.

Summary of risk assessment

57. The key risk associated with the recommendation of this report is that prevailing economic conditions dampen demand for such sites and a disposal is not achieved.
58. The legal risks associated with any challenge of this decision are set out within the legal section above.
59. There are potential site risks some of which require further investigation:
- a. The site is of an irregular shape. However, the Retired Nurses National Home, that is located in the middle of the site, could be relocated to another section of the site. This could in theory be an opportunity for a purchaser to produce a more cohesive area for development.
 - b. The site is not currently serviced by electricity, water, telecoms, gas, or sewers although some assets are known to exist within and around the site boundary. There is a known power capacity issue in the local area.
 - c. Further ecology investigations as part of potential buyer due diligence exercises could reveal the existence of protected or notable species or invasive plant species.
 - d. The river Stour is located 500m to the east of the site. Most of the site lies within Fluvial Flood Zone 1 with the extreme northeast corner of the site lying within Flood Zones 2 and 3. Flood studies undertaken to date suggest there is negligible risk of tidal flooding.
 - e. The site has never been developed and therefore the risk for contamination is deemed to be low, but no studies have yet been undertaken.
 - f. A purchaser will conduct title investigations however from information available to date we do not foresee any major title challenges.
 - g. Access/ egress to the site will be via the southbound carriageway of the Wessex Way once construction is completed in the autumn.

Background papers

- Wessex Fields Site Development Strategy Cabinet Report – 18 March 2020 - <https://democracy.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/documents/s16006/Wessex%20Fields%20Site%20Development%20Strategy.pdf>
- Wessex Fields Site Development Update Cabinet Report – 16 December 2020
<https://democracy.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/documents/s20945/Wessex%20Fields%20Site%20Development%20Strategy.pdf>

Confidential Appendices

- Appendix 1 **Confidential** - Heads of Terms agreed with UHD.
- Appendix 2 **Confidential** – Land at Wessex Fields Summary.
- Appendix 3 **Confidential** – Presentation to the 8 March 2024 Cross-Party Strategic Asset Disposal Working Group.
- Appendix 4 Letter from UHD Chair to the Leader of the Council.
- Appendix 5 **Confidential** – Current estimated sales value.
- Appendix 6 **Confidential** – Table of implications.

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15 March 2024

Cllr Vikki Slade,
Leader of the Council

Dear Cllr Slade,

Sale between public bodies re: Wessex Fields

I hope you and colleagues at BCP Council are well.

I am writing to request Cabinet and Council support for the recommendation to sell a portion of Wessex Fields to the NHS at market value in line with Treasury agreed process.

This decision would provide strong social value to our area, with benefits to local taxpayers, patients and NHS staff. It will be a positive and material step to address both the housing shortage and traffic congestion of the RBH site and unlocks a net-zero carbon development.

The joint vision for the site has been developed over many years. This demonstrates that the sale will generate economic benefit to the area, and prior to your meetings we will send you under separate cover a slide deck of our ambitions for the site. We aim to create much needed key worker housing to ensure an NHS workforce with capacity to serve our community; education and training facilities; further our goal of a Life Sciences Centre/Dorset Medical School, in addition to offering strong environmental benefits.

The transfer of land between public bodies for wider social gain is common and fits within the duties of public bodies to see the wider public benefit and avoid unnecessary procurement costs by a joint independent market valuation. I would add that this builds on previous joint work between BCP Council and the NHS that had already seen important benefits; for example, the new state of the art Pathology building, which undertakes cancer and other diagnostic tests for residents.

The price of the land has been set by using the jointly commissioned, independent expert valuation, which ensures that the Council and the NHS are paying the correct value for the land. This is a highly transparent process in that it operates with the usual governance and decision-making frameworks of the consenting bodies. The valuation report makes clear that a private developer would most likely use the site for storage. This fits with the evidence to date in relation to privately owned land near the hospital, where a planning application for a large container storage has been approved. You will know that this provides only few low skilled jobs and misses the opportunity set out by the joint work over many years about how the site could boost the NHS and local economy.

In terms of resourcing, you will know that the position of centrally managed NHS capital within national, regional and local capping is very different to local government. If the transaction isn't completed now, it places considerable difficulty to assemble a new source of resources.

We are aware that an informal asset disposals group is advising the Cabinet to not adopt the Treasury compliant "Red Book" process of a mutually agreed transfer for market value in line with Council's strategy around adopting a "One Public Estate" approach. The alternative option is for the Council to sell the land through a public procurement process, most likely to private developers who would in effect "land bank" the asset. That would severely limit prospects for key worker housing and education facilities, meaning a poorer outcome for the public. Our fear is a private sale will lead to many more years of no action.

We would ask the informal asset disposals group to reconsider their recommendation which came out of the blue to us as a partner, with no opportunity to comment, after many years of joint development of our proposal. Either way, we request Cabinet and Council to transfer the site to UHD for market value. UHD Colleagues and I would of course be very happy to present to Overview & Scrutiny and any other meetings that assist to get the right outcome for our residents, patients, community and economy.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Whiteman', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rob Whiteman CBE
Chair, University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust

cc: Graham Farrant, Chief
Executive BCP Council Group
Leaders

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD



Report subject	Work Plan
Meeting date	2 April 2024
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	The Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Board is asked to consider and identify work priorities for publication in a Work Plan.
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that: the O&S Committee/ Board consider, update and confirm its Forward Plan.
Reason for recommendations	The Council's Constitution requires all Overview and Scrutiny Committees to set out proposed work in a Work Plan which will be published with each agenda

Portfolio Holder(s):	N/A – O&S is a non-executive function
Corporate Director	Graham Farrant, Chief Executive
Report Authors	Lindsay Marshall, Overview and Scrutiny Specialist
Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Decision

Background

1. All Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) bodies are required by the Constitution to consider work priorities and set these out in a Forward Plan. When approved, this should be published with each agenda. It is good practice for the Forward Plan to be kept under regular review by the Board, and in this report members are asked to discuss and agree work priorities for the next meeting to allow sufficient time for report preparation as appropriate. See the Forward Plan attached at Appendix B to this report.
2. Three work- planning workshops were held with the O&S Board during December 2023 - February 2024. The aim of the workshops was to develop an approach to O&S work programming at BCP that is based on good practice, addresses improvements already identified for O&S and will frame scrutiny work during 2024/25 and beyond. Councillors were supported with expert advice and guidance by officers and the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS). Throughout the workshops councillors agreed a lens that will provide a focus for O&S work. Councillors also developed a framework that sets out how O&S will identify and carry out work along with a format for monitoring information on an ongoing basis outside of meetings. These were agreed by the Board at its previous meeting. An updated work plan based on this is being formulated for the next municipal year and will be shared with Board members.

BCP Constitution and process for agreeing Forward Plan items

3. The Constitution requires that the Forward Plan of O&S Committees (including the O&S Board) shall consist of work aligned to the principles of the function. The BCP Council O&S function is based upon six principles:
 - Contributes to sound decision making in a timely way by holding decision makers to account as a 'critical friend';
 - A member led and owned function – seeks to continuously improve through self-reflection and development;
 - Enables the voice and concerns of the public to be heard and reflected in the Council's decision-making process;
 - Engages in decision making and policy development at an appropriate time to be able to have influence;
 - Contributes to and reflects the vision and priorities of the Council;
 - Agility – able to respond to changing and emerging priorities at the right time with flexible working methods.

4. An O&S Committee may take suggestions from a variety of sources to form its Forward Plan. This may include suggestions from members of the public, officers of the Council, Portfolio Holders, the Cabinet and Council, members of the O&S Committee, and other Councillors who are not on the Committee.
5. The Constitution requires that all suggestions for O&S work will be accompanied by detail outlining the background to the issue suggested, the proposed method of undertaking the work and likely timescale associated, and the anticipated outcome and value to be added by the work proposed. No item of work shall join the Forward Plan of the O&S Committee without an assessment of this information.
6. Any Councillor may request that an item of business be considered by an O&S Committee. Councillors are asked to complete a form outlining the request, which is appended to this report at Appendix C. The same process will apply to requests for scrutiny from members of the public.
7. A copy of the most recent Cabinet Forward Plan will be supplied to O&S Committees at each meeting for reference. The latest version is supplied as Appendix D to this report.

Resources to support O&S work

8. The Constitution requires that the O&S Committees take into account the resources available to support their proposals for O&S work. This includes consideration of Councillor availability, Officer time and financial resources. Careful and regular assessment of resources will ensure that there is appropriate resource available to support work across the whole O&S function, and that any work established can be carried out in sufficient depth and completed in a timely way to enable effective outcomes.
9. It is good practice for O&S Committees to agree a maximum of two substantive agenda items per meeting. This will provide sufficient time for Committees to take a 'deep dive' approach to scrutiny work, which is likely to provide more valuable outcomes. A large amount of agenda items can lead to a 'light touch' approach to all items of business, and also limit the officer and Councillor resource available to plan for effective scrutiny of selected items.
10. O&S Committees are advised to carefully select their working methods to ensure that O&S resource is maximised. A variety of methods are available for O&S Committees to undertake work and are not limited to the receipt of reports at Committee meetings. These may include:
 - Working Groups;
 - Sub-Committees;
 - Tak and finish groups;
 - Inquiry Days;
 - Rapporteurs (scrutiny member champions);
 - Consideration of information outside of meetings – including report circulation/ briefing workshops/ briefing notes.

Further detail on O&S working methods are set out in the Constitution and in Appendix A – Terms of Reference for O&S Committees.

Options Appraisal

11. The O&S Board is asked to consider, update and confirm its Forward Plan, taking account of the supporting documents provided and including the determination of

any requests for scrutiny. This will ensure member ownership of the Forward Plan and that reports can be prepared in a timely way. Should the Board not confirm its forthcoming priorities, reports may not be able to be prepared in a timely way and best use of the meeting resource may not be made.

Summary of financial implications

12. There are no direct financial implications associated with this report. The Board should note that when establishing a Forward Plan, the Constitution requires that account be taken of the resources available to support proposals for O&S work. Advice on maximising the resource available to O&S Committees is set out in paragraphs 8 to 10 above.

Summary of legal implications

13. The Council's Constitution requires all O&S bodies to set out proposed work in a Forward Plan which will be published with each agenda. The recommendation proposed in this report will fulfil this requirement.

Summary of human resources implications

14. There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

Summary of sustainability impact

15. There are no sustainability resources implications arising from this report.

Summary of public health implications

16. There are no public health implications arising from this report.

Summary of equality implications

17. There are no equality implications arising from this report. Any member of the public may make suggestions for overview and scrutiny work. Further detail on this process is included within Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

Summary of risk assessment

18. There is a risk of challenge to the Council if the Constitutional requirement to establish and publish a Forward Plan is not met.

Background papers

None.

Appendices

Appendix A – Overview and Scrutiny Committees Terms of Reference

Appendix B - Current O&S Board Forward Plan

Appendix C – Request for consideration of an issue by Overview and Scrutiny

Appendix D – Current Cabinet Forward Plan

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD / COMMITTEES TERMS OF REFERENCE

Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) is a statutory role fulfilled by Councillors who are not members of the Cabinet in an authority operating a Leader and Cabinet model. The role of the Overview and Scrutiny Board and Committees is to help develop policy, to carry out reviews of Council and other local services, and to hold decision makers to account.

PRINCIPLES OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

The Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Overview and Scrutiny function is based upon six principles:

1. Contributes to sound decision making in a timely way by holding decision makers to account as a 'critical friend'.
2. A member led and owned function – seeks to continuously improve through self-reflection and development.
3. Enables the voice and concerns of the public to be heard and reflected in the Council's decision-making process.
4. Engages in decision making and policy development at an appropriate time to be able to have influence.
5. Contributes to and reflects the vision and priorities of the Council.
6. Agile – able to respond to changing and emerging priorities at the right time with flexible working methods.

MEETINGS

There are four Overview and Scrutiny bodies at BCP Council:

- Overview and Scrutiny Board
- Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Each Committee meets 5 times during the municipal year, except for the Overview and Scrutiny Board which meets monthly to enable the Board to make recommendations to Cabinet. The date and time of meetings will be set by full Council and may only be changed by the Chairman of the relevant Committee in consultation with the Monitoring Officer. Members will adhere to the agreed principles of the Council's Code of Conduct.

Decisions shall be taken by consensus. Where it is not possible to reach consensus, a decision will be reached by a simple majority of those present at the meeting. Where there are equal votes the Chair of the meeting will have the casting vote.

MEMBERSHIP

The Overview and Scrutiny Board and Committees are appointed by full Council. Each Committee has 11 members and the Board has 13 members. No member of the Cabinet may be a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees or Board, or any group established by them. Lead Members of the Cabinet may not be a member of Overview and Scrutiny Committees or Board. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee may not be a member of any Overview and Scrutiny Committees or Board.

The quorum of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Board shall be one third of the total membership (excluding voting and non-voting co-optees).

No member may be involved in scrutinising a decision in which they been directly involved. If a member is unable to attend a meeting their Group may arrange for a substitute to attend in their place in accordance with the procedures as set out in the Council's Constitution.

Members of the public can be invited to attend and contribute to meetings as required, to provide insight to a matter under discussion. This may include but is not limited to subject experts with relevant specialist knowledge or expertise, representatives of stakeholder groups or service users. Members of the public will not have voting rights.

Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee - The Committee must statutorily include two church and two parent governor representatives as voting members (on matters related to education) in addition to Councillor members. Parent governor membership shall extend to a maximum period of four years and no less than two years. The Committee may also co-opt one representative from the Academy Trusts within the local authority area, to attend meetings and vote on matters relating to education.

The Committee may also co-opt two representatives of The Youth Parliament and, although they will not be entitled to vote, will ensure that their significant contribution to the work of the Committee is recognised and valued.

Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee - The Committee may co-opt two independent non-voting members. The selection and recruitment process shall be determined by the Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

FUNCTIONS OF THE O&S COMMITTEES AND O&S BOARD

Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee (including the Overview and Scrutiny Board) has responsibility for:

- Scrutinising decisions of the Cabinet, offering advice or making recommendations
- Offering any views or advice to the Cabinet or Council in relation to any matter referred to the Committee for consideration
- General policy reviews, and making recommendations to the Council or the Cabinet to assist in the development of future policies and strategies
- Assisting the Council in the development of the Budget and Policy Framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues
- Monitoring the implementation of decisions to examine their effect and outcomes
- Referring to full Council, the Cabinet or appropriate Committee/Sub-Committee any matter which, following scrutiny a Committee determines should be brought to the attention of the Council, Cabinet or other appropriate Committee
- Preparation, review and monitoring of a work programme
- Establishing such commissioned work as appropriate after taking into account the availability of resources, the work programme and the matter under review

In addition, the Overview and Scrutiny Board has responsibility for:

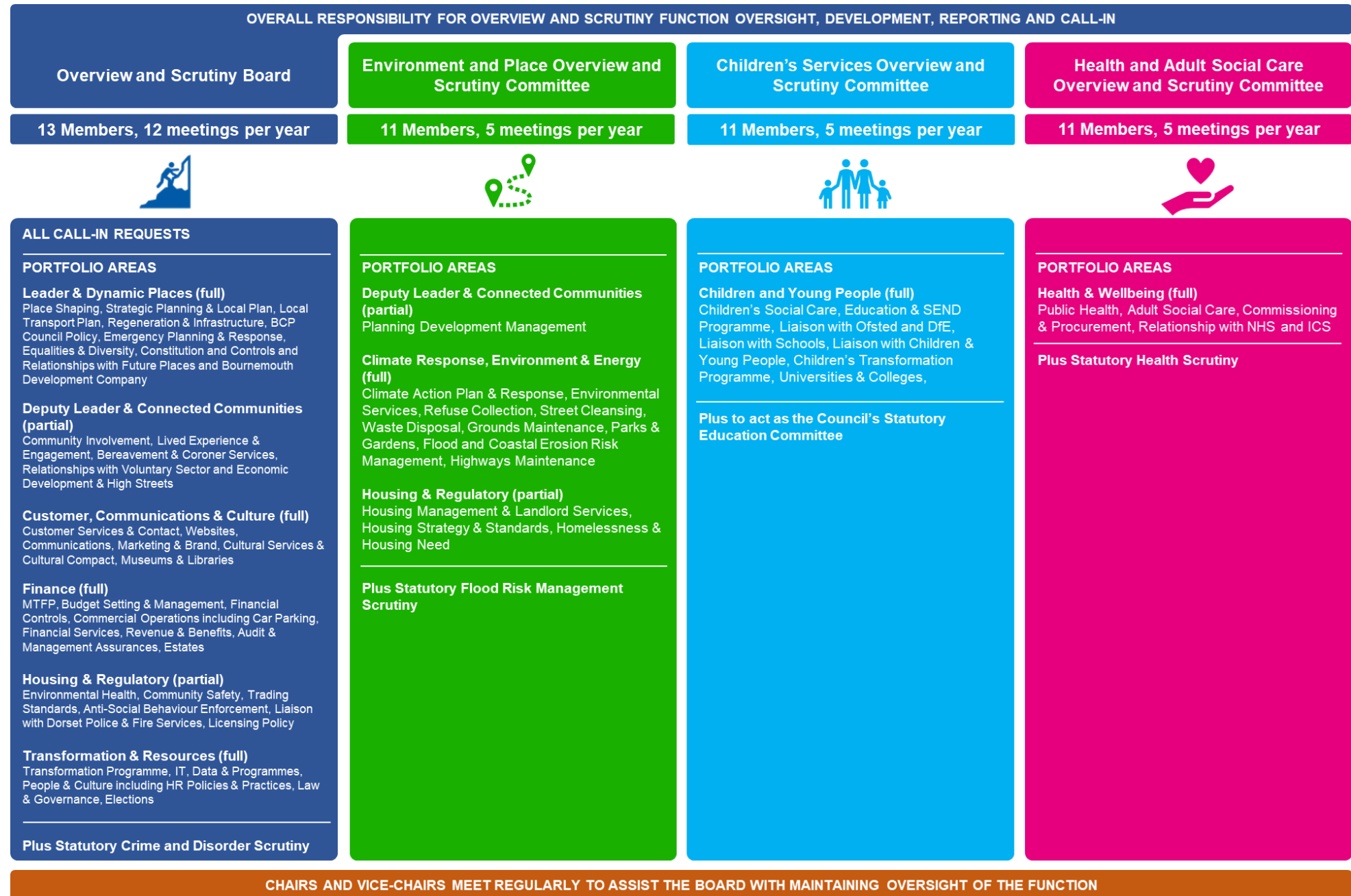
- Considering decisions that have been called-in
- Undertaking scrutiny of the Council's budget processes
- Carrying out the Council's scrutiny functions relating to crime and disorder, and discharging any other statutory duty for which the O&S function is responsible, other than those that relate to Flood Risk Management, Health, Adult Social Care, Children's Services and Education
- Overseeing the Council's overall O&S function including oversight of the work plans and use of resource across all O&S bodies
- Keeping the O&S function under review, suggesting changes as appropriate to ensure that it remains fit for purpose
- Reporting annually to Full Council on the output of the O&S function
- Maintaining oversight of the training needs of the whole O&S function.

Figure 1 below provides an outline of the responsibilities of each Committee.

The remit of the Overview and Scrutiny Board and Committees is based on the division of Portfolio Holder responsibilities. Portfolio Holders may report to more than one Overview and Scrutiny body.

Portfolio Holder responsibilities are changeable and from time to time it may be necessary to modify the designation of functions across the four Overview and Scrutiny bodies.

Figure One –Overview and Scrutiny Structure



COMMISSIONED WORK

In addition to Committee meetings, the Overview and Scrutiny Board and Committees may commission work to be undertaken as they consider necessary after taking into account the availability of resources, the work programme and the matter under review.

Each O&S body is limited to one commission at a time to ensure availability of resources.

a) **Working Groups** – a small group of Councillors and Officers gathered to consider a specific issue and report back to the full Board/ Committee, or make recommendations to Cabinet or Council within a limited timescale. Working Groups usually meet once or twice, and are often non-public;

b) **Sub-Committees** – a group of Councillors delegated a specific aspect of the main Board/ Committee's work for ongoing, in-depth monitoring. May be time limited or be required as a long-standing Committee. Sub-Committees are often well suited to considering performance-based matters that require scrutiny oversight. Sub-Committees usually meet in public;

c) **Task and finish groups** – a small group of Councillors tasked with investigating a particular issue and making recommendations on this issue, with the aim of influencing wider Council policy. The area of investigation will be carefully scoped and will culminate in a final report, usually with recommendations to Cabinet or Council. Task and finish groups may work over the course of a number of months and take account of a wide variety of evidence, which can be resource intensive. For this reason, the number of these groups must be carefully prioritised by scrutiny members to ensure the work can progress at an appropriate pace for the final outcome to have influence;

d) **Inquiry Days** – with a similar purpose to task and finish groups, inquiry days seek to understand and make recommendations on an issue by talking to a wide range of stakeholders and considering evidence relating to that issue, within one or two days. Inquiry days have similarities to the work of Government Select Committees. Inquiry days are highly resource intensive but can lead to swift, meaningful outcomes and recommendations that can make a difference to Council policy; and

e) **Rapporteurs or scrutiny member champions** - individual Councillors or pairs of Councillors tasked with investigating or maintaining oversight of a particular issue and reporting back to the main Board/ Committee on its findings. A main Committee can use these reports to facilitate its work prioritisation. Rapporteurs will undertake informal work to understand an issue – such as discussions with Officers and Portfolio Holders, research and data analysis. Rapporteur work enables scrutiny members to collectively stay informed of a wide range of Council activity. This approach to the provision of information to scrutiny members also avoids valuable

Committee time being taken up with briefings in favour of more outcome-based scrutiny taking place at Committee.

These terms of reference should be read in conjunction with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules outlined in Part 4C of the Council's Constitution.

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Work Plan – BCP Overview and Scrutiny Board

	Subject and background	Anticipated benefits and value to be added by O&S engagement	How will the scrutiny be done?	Lead Officer/Portfolio Holder	Report Information
DATE – 2 April 2024					
1.	Wessex Fields Consideration of a Cabinet report for pre-decision scrutiny on this issue.	To ensure that there is opportunity for pre-decision scrutiny of the proposed Cabinet report and to enable the Board to make recommendations comments as appropriate.	Cabinet report – pre decision	Leader of the Council	
DATE to be allocated					
1.	End of year Corporate Performance Report	To provide the Committee with an overview of performance and an opportunity to consider any areas to target scrutiny.	Committee/ Cabinet report	TBC Head of Policy and Research	Board to determine if it wishes for these items to remain on its Work Plan
2.	Business Improvement Districts To consider information from the local BIDs on current issues and priorities.	To enable the Committee to hear from the Council's partners in the local BIDS and consider ways to work together	Committee Report	TBC Director Economic Development	Board to determine if it wishes for these items to remain on its Work Plan
3.	Medim Term Financial Plan Updates At the request of the Board to receive regular updates on Budget Monitoring	TBC	TBC	PH - Finance	Contact Democratic Services for further information

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Commissioned Work Work commissioned by the Committee (for example task and finish groups and working groups) is listed below: Note – to provide sufficient resource for effective scrutiny, no more than 2 items of commissioned work will run at a time. Further commissioned work can commence upon completion of previous work.					
	Complaints Procedure – Working group To scrutinise and review the current complaints procedure and its effectiveness, to consider any opportunities for improvements.	To allow a more in-depth piece of work to analyse current practice and to consider making recommendations if required	Task and Finish Group	PH – Council Priorities and Delivery	Board to determine if it wishes for these items to remain on its Work Plan – to be agreed at work planning workshop
Update Items The following items of information have been requested as updates to the Committee. The Committee may wish to receive these in an alternative to format to Committee updates (e.g. by emailed briefing note outside of the Committee) to reserve capacity in Committee meetings for items of value-added scrutiny.					
	None outstanding				
Annual Reports					
	Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Report	Statutory requirement	Committee Report		Contact Democratic Services for further information

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	Budget Report	Ensure that there is scrutiny of the annual budget setting process	Committee Report		Contact Democratic Services for further information
Requested items – Further details and dates to be allocated – The Board should consider these items further at its work planning workshop.					
	Award of Gigabit Fibre Neutral Host Operator	TBC	TBC		
	External Consultancy Contracts	TBC	TBC		
	Shared Prosperity Fund and Investment Plan	TBC	TBC		

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Request for consideration of an issue by Overview and Scrutiny

Guidance on the use of this form:

This form is for use by councillors and members of the public who want to request that an item joins an Overview and Scrutiny agenda. Any issue may be suggested, provided it affects the BCP area or the inhabitants of the area in some way. Scrutiny of the issue can only be requested once in a 12 month period.

The form may also be used for the reporting of a referral item to Overview and Scrutiny by another body of the council, such as Cabinet or Council.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee receiving the request will make an assessment of the issue using the detail provided in this form and determine whether to add it to its forward plan of work.

They may take a variety of steps to progress the issue, including requesting more information on it from officers of the council, asking for a member of the overview and scrutiny committee to 'champion' the issue and report back, or establishing a small working group of councillors to look at the issue in more detail.

If the Committee does not agree to progress the issue it will set out reasons for this and they will be provided to the person submitting this form.

More information can be found at Part 4.C of the BCP Council Constitution
<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bcr=1>

Please complete all sections as fully as possible

1. Issue requested for scrutiny

2. Desired outcome resulting from Overview and Scrutiny engagement, including the value to be added to the Council, the BCP area or its inhabitants.

3. Background to the issue

4. Proposed method of scrutiny - (for example, a committee report or a working group investigation)

5. Key dates and anticipated timescale for the scrutiny work

6. Notes/ additional guidance

Document last reviewed – January 2022

Contact – democratic.services@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

CABINET FORWARD PLAN – 1 MARCH 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2024

(PUBLICATION DATE – 12 March 2024)



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Q3 Corporate Performance Report	To provide an update on progress delivering the actions set out in the Corporate Strategy and Delivery Plans	No	Cabinet 10 Apr 2024	All Wards			Vicky Edmonds, Isla Reynolds	Open
Corporate Strategy Delivery Plans	Setting out the core actions to achieve the aspirations set out in the high level summary.	Yes	Cabinet 10 Apr 2024 Council 23 Apr 2024	All Wards	Consultation was undertaken as part of the Corporate Strategy high level summary being developed	n/a	Sophie Bradfield, Isla Reynolds	Open

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Pay and Reward: Update on progress in introducing new terms and conditions of employment	To update the Cabinet on progress in introducing harmonised terms and conditions of employment for all colleagues across the Council, following the ballot for members by the recognised trades unions, including new harmonised employment terms, staff benefits and pay scales	No	Cabinet 10 Apr 2024				Sarah Deane	Open
Disposal of Land at Wessex Fields, Riverside Avenue	This report presents a proposal to dispose of the Wessex Fields site at Riverside Avenue	Yes	Cabinet 10 Apr 2024 Council 23 Apr 2024	Littledown & Iford	Portfolio Holder, Ward Councillors, Cross Party Strategic Asset Disposal Working Group	N/A	Sarah Good	Open

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Transformation Programme Update	To update Cabinet on the current progress of the Transformation Programme.	No	Cabinet 10 Apr 2024				Katie Lacey	Open
BCP Seafront Strategy progress review and refresh	The BCP Seafront Strategy was adopted by Cabinet in April 2022. This report will update Cabinet on progress against this strategy and provide recommendations to refresh it in line with the new Corporate Strategy.	No	Cabinet 10 Apr 2024				Amanda Barrie, Andrew Emery	Open
Governance of Poole Museum	To consider a report on the potential externalisation of Poole Museum.	No	Cabinet 10 Apr 2024	Poole Town	National Lottery Heritage Fund, Arts Council England and Community in addition to employees and other services.		Matti Raudsepp, Michael Spender	Open

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Modification to Cemetery Rules and Regulations	To seek approval for minor changes to Cemetery Rules and Regulations approved by Cabinet in July 2022.	No	Cabinet 10 Apr 2024	All Wards			Liz Hall	Open
Future of Public Health in BCP Council	To consider the future of public health operations in BCP Council.	No	Cabinet 10 Apr 2024	All Wards			Sarah Culwick, Jillian Kay	Open
Canford Heath Infant & Junior School - New Resource Base	To seek approval to create two new Resource Bases at Canford Heath Infant and Junior Schools. These will provide an additional 35 SEND places.	Yes	Cabinet 10 Apr 2024	Canford Heath			Paul Reidy	Open

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Safer Routes to School Traffic Regulation Order Review P43 2023 - Various Sites	To consider representations to proposed TRO's as advertised.	No	Cabinet 10 Apr 2024	Alderney & Bourne Valley; Bearwood & Merley; Broadstone; Burton & Grange; Canford Cliffs; Commons; Creekmoor; East Southbourne & Tuckton; Highcliffe & Walkford; Moordown; Muscliff & Strouden Park; Newtown & Heatherlands; Parkstone; Penn Hill; Talbot & Branksome Woods; Wallisdown & Winton West	Ward Councillors, emergency services, residents	21 day legal notice - already taken place	Andy Brown, Julian McLaughlin	Open

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BCP Alcohol Public Spaces Protection Order Review	The BCP Alcohol Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) was implemented on the 01 July 2021 and expires on the 30 June 2024. There is a statutory requirement under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, to review a PSPO within 3 years of its implementation. The purpose of the report is to determine if the order should be extended, varied or discharged.	No	Cabinet 22 May 2024	Alderney & Bourne Valley; Boscombe East & Pokesdown; Boscombe West; Bournemouth Central; Burton & Grange; Canford Cliffs; Canford Heath; Christchurch Town; Creekmoor; East Cliff & Springbourne; East Southbourne & Tuckton; Hamworthy; Kinson; Littledown & Ilford; Moordown; Muford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe; Muscliff & Strouden Park; Newtown & Heatherlands; Oakdale; Parkstone; Penn Hill; Poole Town; Queen's Park; Redhill & Northbourne; Talbot & Branksome Woods; Wallisdown & Winton West; West Southbourne; Westbourne & West Cliff; Winton East	It is a statutory requirement to consult the Police and Crime Commissioner, Chief Constable and land owners. It is also recommended to consult with other appropriate community representatives: residents, councillors, Town and Parish councils, businesses, community groups, partner agencies and support services. This is not an exhaustive list.	A public consultation ran from 12 January 2024 and closed at midnight on 12 February 2024. Statutory consultees were also consulted.	Julia Howlett, Sophie Sajic	Open

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Core Gigabit Fibre Network	Due to changes in the economic climate, options are being provided to stop or proceed with this project.	Yes	Cabinet 22 May 2024	All Wards			Ruth Spencer	Open
Sandbanks Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan	Following a formal public examination and independent examiner's report whether any proposed modification to the draft Neighbourhood Plan should be accepted;	No	Cabinet 22 May 2024	Canford Cliffs			Rebecca Landman	Open
BCP Urban Forest Strategy	To present to cabinet, for adoption, the BCP Urban Forest Strategy	No	Cabinet 22 May 2024	All Wards	Public consultation is taking place pre Christmas 2023, leading in tot his decision; and follows extensive workshops and cross-service development of the strategy.	As above	Martin Whitchurch	Open

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CNHAS Update 2024-2028 including scheme approvals	CNHAS update requesting PRS funding reallocated to temp accom, reviewing Temp accom budget for 2024/25 to increase capacity, budget approval for LAHF (refugee homes), scheme approval for Darracott, Surrey Rd and Crescent Rd (all three schemes in Temp accom/SHAP/LAHF programmes).	No	Cabinet 22 May 2024	Boscombe East & Pokesdown; Bournemouth Central; Talbot & Branksome Woods			Nigel Bower, Jonathan Thornton	Open
Improvement of the environment in Poole Park through a trial closure of a park entrance to motor traffic	To consider a report on the improvement of the environment in Poole Park through a trial closure of a park entrance to motor traffic	No	Cabinet 22 May 2024				Martin Whitchurch	Open

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Tricuro Local Authority Trading Company Business Plan	Tricuro is the council's adult social care trading company and is required to produce a business plan for approval by the shareholder. This report sets out the strategic business plan for the company, aligned to adult social care priorities.	Yes	Cabinet 22 May 2024	All Wards			Phil Hornsby	Open
Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan Update	To update Cabinet members on actions and progress against the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Management Plan.	No	Cabinet 22 May 2024	All Wards			Cathi Hadley, Sharon Muldoon	Open

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Christchurch Bay and Harbour FCERM Strategy	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (BCP) and New Forest District Council (NFDC) are working together with the Environment Agency to produce a new strategy to protect coastal communities from tidal flooding and erosion risk. It will guide how the frontage from Hengistbury Head to Hurst Spit, encompassing Christchurch Harbour, will be sustainably managed for the next 100 years.	No	Cabinet 17 Jul 2024 Council 23 Jul 2024	Christchurch Town; East Southbourn e & Tuckton; Highcliffe & Walkford; Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	Landowners, BCP residents, businesses, organisations, BCP services	Several levels of public enegagement and consultation throughout the development of the Strategy between 2021 and 2023.	Catherine Corbin, Alan Frampton, Matt Hosey	Open
Housing Strategy - Annual Summary Review		No	Cabinet 17 Jul 2024				Kerry-Marie Ruff	

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Biodiversity Net Gain	To update Cabinet on the implementation of government's proposed Biodiversity Net Gain and our strategy for achieving net gain from new development	No	Cabinet Date to be confirmed	All Wards				Open
DfE SEND review next steps	To consider the DfE review next steps	No	Cabinet Date to be confirmed				Rachel Gravett, Shirley McGillick, Sharon Muldoon	Fully exempt

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Our Place and Environment - Strategic Transport Scheme Prioritisation	To present the outputs of public engagement on Strategic Transport Schemes and to seek recommendation from Cabinet to Council relating to the progression of the schemes in consideration of the consultation outputs. Noting: this is likely to include some selected schemes being promoted as a priority at the Western Gateway Sub-National Transport Body.	Yes	Cabinet Date to be confirmed	All Wards				Open
Affordable Fairer Broadband for all (Award Contract)	In July 2022 Cabinet approved 'Accelerating Gigabit Fibre' and asked the team to return to Cabinet to award the contract. The purpose of this report is contract award.	No	Cabinet Date to be confirmed	All Wards			Ruth Spencer	Open

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Bournemouth Development Company LLP Business Plan	To seek approval for the Bournemouth Development Company Business Plan, extend some contractual "Option Execution Dates" in relation to specific sites and provide an update in relation to the independent Local Partnerships Review.	No	Cabinet Date to be confirmed	Bournemouth Central			Sarah Longthorpe	Open
Children's Services Early Help Offer	Summary of findings and recommendations from an ongoing review of our current Early Help services	No	Cabinet Date to be confirmed	All Wards			Zafer Yilkan	Open
Poole Regeneration Update	To update Cabinet and the public on projects and activities in Poole Town Centre	No	Cabinet Date to be confirmed	Poole Town	relevant stakeholders to the Poole Regeneration Programme		Chris Shephard	Open

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Adult Social Care Business Case	Adult Social Care services locally and nationally have faced significant challenges in recent years, and as a result the Council is holding significant risk in relation to the ability of the Council to deliver its statutory responsibilities to adults that require support within the available budget. The nature of these challenges means that long term, sustainable change is needed to ensure that BCP Council Adult Social Care services (ASCS) are modern, fit for the future and affordable. This business case sets out a proposal for initial investment in Adult Social Care transformation that will lead to improved outcomes for adults that draw on support in BCP and support the Council to deliver this within the available financial envelope.	Yes	Cabinet Date to be confirmed	All Wards			Chris McKensie	Open

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Hurn Neighbourhood Plan	To report the findings of a formal public examination by independent examiner and to consider whether any proposed modification to any draft Neighbourhood Plan should be accepted.	No	Cabinet Date to be confirmed	Commons				Open

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