

Notice of Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date: Wednesday, 17 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 C Rigby

Vice Chairman:

Cllr R Herrett

Cllr C Adams
Cllr J Bagwell
Cllr J Clements

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

Cllr L Northover
Cllr Dr F Rice
Cllr V Ricketts

All Members of the Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

The press and public are welcome to view the live stream of this meeting at the following link:

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=5814>

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

Press enquiries should be directed to the Press Office: Tel: 01202 454668 or email press.office@bcpCouncil.gov.uk

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9 January 2024

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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 meeting held on 11 October 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 mid-day 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. Planning Service Improvement Update

This report showcases the ongoing work to improve the performance of the BCP Council planning service.

There has been good progress in stabilising and improving the

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Planning service, with a performance management culture being strengthened which has weekly coordinating groups meeting to actively address and reduce the backlog of outstanding cases.

7. School Streets

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School Streets are a way to manage traffic around schools in a way that is particularly beneficial for children and their families travelling to them on foot or by other active modes.

Six School Streets have been successfully implemented/trialled with the BCP area with the last 2 years and this report provides an update on the programme to date.

School Streets are aligned with the existing and emerging new Corporate Strategy objectives.

8. Appointment of Independent co-opted members to Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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It was agreed as part of the recommendations on the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Structure, which were considered by the Council at its meeting on 30 September, that the Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny (E&P O&S) Committee be permitted to appoint two independent co-opted members. The selection and recruitment process for the co-opted members is to be approved by the committee.

Informal discussions have indicated that there is agreement that the principle of co-opted independent members to contribute to the committee is supported. At its last meeting the committee requested a report be brought forward to consider the issue.

There are a number of decisions required to enable suitable recruitment, through open advertisement, to the E&P O&S Committee.

The recommendations in this report will help shape that recruitment process, with an aim to have two co-opted members in place for the beginning of the next municipal year.

9. Work Plan

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The Corporate and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and identify work priorities for its next meeting pending a wider review of its forward plan at a future meeting.

10. Future Meeting Dates

Wednesday 28 February 2024

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.