

Cabinet DECISION RECORD
Wednesday, 17 July 2024
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Part A – Items considered in public

A6	Status: Recommendations Approved (subject to call-in) Call-in to apply: Yes Open	Financial Outturn 2023/24	RESOLVED that Cabinet: - (a) Noted the outturn position for 2023/24; and (b) Agreed the acceptance of grants up to £1m as set out in Appendix C. Voting: Unanimous Portfolio Holder: Finance <u>Reasons</u> To comply with accounting codes of practice and best practice which requires councils to regularly monitor the annual budget position and take any action to support the sustainability of the council's financial position. To comply with the council's financial regulations regarding capital virements and acceptance of grants.
A7	Status: Recommendations Approved Call-in to apply: No	Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Update	RESOLVED that Cabinet: - (a) Approve the budget timetable and process as set out in Appendix A; (b) Endorse the scenario planning exercise that guides the potential level of activity that may now be needed to present a legally balance budget for 2025/26;

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	Open		<p>(c) Approve the financial strategy designed to support the ongoing delivery of a balanced 2025/26 Budget and MTFP as set out in Appendix B;</p> <p>(d) Note the outcome of the CIPFA Financial Resilience Review and associated action plan; and</p> <p>(e) Note the letter submitted by the Director of Finance to DLUHC and CIPFA outlining the challenge that the deficit on the Dedicated Schools Grant presents</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Finance</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>To comply with accounting codes of practice and best practice which requires councils to have a rolling multi-year medium term financial plan.</p> <p>To provide Cabinet with the latest high-level overview of the medium-term financial plan.</p> <p>To present a proposed financial strategy to support the ongoing delivery of a balanced budget for 2025/26.</p> <p>To present the CIPFA Financial Resilience Review.</p> <p>To present the letter submitted to DLUHC and CIPFA in regard to the difficulties presented by the accumulating DSG deficit.</p>
A8	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply:</p>	BCP Council Productivity Plan	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet: -</p> <p>(a) approved the productivity plan to submit to government for the 19 July deadline; and</p> <p>(b) approved the approach for monitoring productivity as set out in the plan</p>

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	No Open		<p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Dynamic Places Transformation and Resources</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>The council has produced a productivity plan and monitoring arrangements in line with government requirements.</p>
A9	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>	<p>Pay and Reward: Update on progress in introducing new terms and conditions of employment</p>	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the update report.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Transformation and Resources</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>To provide Cabinet with an update on the progress in introducing new terms and conditions of employment.</p>
A12	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p>	<p>Revised BCP Seafront Strategy</p>	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet: -</p> <p>(a) Approves the BCP Seafront Strategy 2024 subject to the agreed amendment being incorporated; and</p> <p>(b) Delegates authority to the Chief Operations Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Connected Communities, to identify specific events zones within the Seafront Strategy character areas (see 4.3)</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Connected Communities Finance</p>

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A13	Status: Recommendations Approved Call-in to apply: No Open	BCP Urban Forest Strategy	<p>RESOLVED that the Urban Forest Strategy, its vision, key guiding principles, and priorities for action are approved by BCP Cabinet.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Climate Response, Environment and Energy</p> <p><u>Reasons</u></p> <p>Supports the Corporate Strategy in sustaining and adding to our tree provision, improving our environment and places for nature.</p> <p>Supports people and communities in making our places greener, more resilient in the face of global climate breakdown.</p> <p>Supports the aims and principles of the Green Infrastructure Strategy.</p> <p>Supports service improvement in managing our tree provision.</p> <p>Increasing tree canopy supports the forthcoming Local Nature Recovery Strategy and meets the council's statutory duty to biodiversity under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (NERC).</p>
A14	Status: Recommendations Approved Call-in to apply: No Open	Core Gigabit Fibre Network	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet agrees the Preferred Option, to stop the project and not to proceed with Phase 2 of installation of fibre and ducting.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder(s): Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Dynamic Places Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Connected Communities</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>(i) Due to recent and potentially future volatility with interest rates, changes in market conditions and increases in construction costs there is now less certainty about the viability of the business case.</p>

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A16	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>	Adult Social Care Charging Policy Additions	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet approved the amendments to the existing Adult Social Care Charging Policy, as outlined in the report.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Health and Wellbeing</p> <p><u>Reasons</u></p> <p>Section 14 of the Care Act 2014 gives local authorities the power to charge for meeting needs under Sections 18-20 of the Care Act 2014. Section 17 of the Care Act 2014 specifies the duty to carry out an assessment of the adult's financial resources in order to determine the adult's contribution towards the cost of the care and support they require. The Charging Policy sets out how BCP Council will approach this.</p> <p>It is important, therefore, that Cabinet approves the Policy changes as set out in this report.</p>
A17	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p>	Children's Safeguarding Partnership Review	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet agreed separation of the Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children arrangements and the creation a Dorset Safeguarding Children's Partnership and a BCP Safeguarding Children's Partnership in order to meet the needs of two separate Local Authorities and enable the effectiveness of the partnership arrangements moving forward.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p>

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	Open		<p>Portfolio Holder: Children and Young People</p> <p><u>Reasons</u></p> <p>One of the fundamental reasons behind this proposal is the difference between the two local authorities within the existing partnership. The authorities operate differently, and their approaches to safeguarding and working practices often diverge. The recent changes outlined in the Working Together Guidance 2023 pose an additional challenge for our current Pan-Dorset arrangement. With the removal of the Independent Chair role, implementing the necessary changes becomes considerably more complex under a Pan-Dorset arrangement. By transitioning to a Dorset Safeguarding Partnership and a separate BCP Safeguarding Partnership, both authorities can adapt their structures and procedures seamlessly to align with the revised guidelines. This will enable them to fulfil their safeguarding responsibilities independently and effectively across the region, with each Director of Children's Services maintaining individual responsibility and being supported by scrutineers.</p>