

Notice of Cabinet

Date: Wednesday, 30 October 2024 at 10.15 am

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



Membership:

Chairman:

Cllr M Earl

Vice Chairman:

Cllr M Cox

Cllr D Brown
Cllr R Burton
Cllr A Hadley

Cllr J Hanna
Cllr R Herrett
Cllr A Martin

Cllr S Moore
Cllr K Wilson

All Members of the Cabinet are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

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<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=5904>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Sarah Culwick (01202 817615) on 01202 096660 or email democratic.services@bcpCouncil.gov.uk

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22 October 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. 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.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 2 October 2024.

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4. 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 on Thursday 24 October 2024 [mid-day, 3 clear working days before the meeting].

The deadline for the submission of a statement is mid-day on Tuesday 29 October 2024 [mid-day the working day before the meeting].

The deadline for the submission of a petition is Tuesday 15 October 2024 [10 working days before the meeting].

5. Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

To consider recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny committees on items not otherwise included on the Cabinet Agenda.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

6. Westbourne Plus

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This report presents a proposal to dispose of the former Westbourne Plus site in Alumhurst Road, Westbourne.

Following Cabinet's adoption of the Adult Day Opportunities Strategy in March 2024 the Westbourne Plus site was declared surplus.

The proposal to disposal of former Westbourne Plus was considered by the cross-party strategic asset disposal working group on the 4 October 2024. The draft minutes of this meeting are presented as a confidential appendix to this report (Appendix B).

The approved recommendation of the cross-party working group was to

endorse the proposal.

Similarly, the proposal was endorsed by the two local ward councillors who also attended the working group.

7. Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre Lottery funding

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Hengistbury Head visitor centre was opened in 2014 using significant funds from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. 10 years on and a visitor centre business resilience and improvement bid for further funding of £203,000 has been successful.

8. Aspire Adoption Annual Report 2023-2024

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The appended report is the seventh annual adoption report presented by Aspire Adoption, summarising the work of the agency in the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. It has been written to ensure and provides the Council with an opportunity to satisfy itself that the requirements of the Statutory Adoption Guidance 2013 and the Adoption Minimum Standards 2014 are met.

This report provides a summary of the comprehensive self-evaluation of Aspire Regional Adoption Agency.

- Aspire were able to recruit adopters for those children who are identified as having characteristics that make them 'harder to place' such as sibling groups, those with additional learning and health needs, and older children.
- The close partner relationships and tracking Aspire undertake with BCP and Dorset means that by the time the Placement Order is made, we will know whether Aspire has suitable adopters or not and can immediately look elsewhere to avoid delay for children.
- 85% of all the children placed for adoption were placed with Aspire adopters.
- Aspire placed 37 children in early permanence placements meaning children were placed once with a family who was likely to become their permanent family, resulting in less moves and more stability for those children.
- Aspire have improved the timeliness of the adoption journey for children, performing better than the national average and our statistical neighbours. Which also means minimal delay for those children whose plans are adoption and to be settled in a 'forever' family.
- Aspire have been able to provide support to adopters and Special Guardians via direct support and using the Adoption and Special Guardian Support Fund(ASGSF), meaning less disruptions for adopters and special guardians.

There were 965 applications made to the ASGSF fund in 2023/24 which relates to £730,525.60 of funding for therapeutic input for those Adoptive and Special Guardian's within the area.

9. Transforming Urgent and Emergency Care Services

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A system-wide transformation programme to transform and improve urgent and emergency care services for Dorset residents is underway. Involving health and care partners it is anticipated that the transformation programme will take 2 years to deliver and should substantially reduce the number of people admitted into hospital when better outcomes could be achieved elsewhere and should result in fewer people waiting in hospital to be discharged while ongoing care is arranged. Over the medium term, the programme should also deliver financial benefits to the council as fewer people are placed in long term residential care placements and smaller homecare packages are required.

10. Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution

The Chief Executive to report on any decisions taken under urgency provisions in accordance with the Constitution.

11. Cabinet Forward Plan

To Follow

To consider the latest version of the Cabinet Forward Plan for approval.

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.