

Notice of Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date: Wednesday, 20 November 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 D d'Orton-Gibson

Cllr J Bagwell
Cllr B Chick
Cllr J Clements

Cllr C Goodall
Cllr J Martin
Cllr L Northover

Cllr Dr F Rice
Cllr V Ricketts
Cllr G Wright

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=5914>

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

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12 November 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 September 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:-

<https://democracy.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bcr=1>

The deadline for the submission of public questions is mid-day Thursday 14 November 2024 3 clear working days before the meeting.

The deadline for the submission of a statement is midday Tuesday 19 November 2024 the working day before the meeting.

The deadline for the submission of a petition is Tuesday 5 November 2024 10 working days before the meeting.

6. **Recommendation from Council**

The Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the following recommendation from the Council meeting held on 4 November (reconvened from 15 October adjournment):

Motion proposed by Cllr D Farr and amended by Cllr P Canavan

'There has been no scrutiny of the decision to close Bournemouth's only Women's Refuge for those fleeing abusive relationships. We ask that the decision be examined as part of a cross-party working group to be established to oversee the finalisation of the Safe Accommodation and Commissioning Strategy, reporting to the Environment & Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee in Spring 2025.'

The Committee should consider whether to accept the above proposal to establish a working group and include this in the Committee's work plan.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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| 7. | Nutrient Neutrality

Update on Nutrient Neutrality in respect to phosphates in the River Avon Special Area of Conservation. | 17 - 22 |
| 8. | BCP Council Plan for Play

The BCP Council Plan for Play brings forward a strategy that sets out how our play infrastructure should be managed, designed and improved.

This key strategy directly aligns and supports many of the Council's key ambitions. This report highlights the detail contained in the strategy, most notably how our stock of play facilities – play equipment, cycle and bmx facilities – is in severe decline and in need of significant investment.

The Plan for Play includes an Improvement Plan that sets out a phased approach to investing in the equipment that is crucial to our young people and their physical and mental well-being. This investment can make an immediate impact that ensures play areas stay open and creates a pathway to work with communities, local business and funders to support our play needs.

Adopting the Plan for Play sets out a vision and priorities for what future provision should look like across BCP and can be applied as funds become available or decisions are made. | 23 - 44 |
| 9. | Heathland Mitigation funding

Heathland Mitigation is an important policy with a long-standing planning context that enables development across BCP, where nearly all development sites are within 5Km of internationally protected heathlands.

Examples of Heathland Infrastructure Projects are given that use developer contributions to mitigate the impact of housing on Dorset's lowland heaths. | 45 - 54 |
| 10. | Work Plan

The Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Committee is asked to consider and identify work priorities for publication in a Work Plan. | 55 - 96 |
| 11. | Future Meeting Dates

Wednesday 26 February 2025. | |

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.