

# Notice of Overview and Scrutiny Board

Date: Monday, 6 January 2025 at 6.00 pm

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



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## Membership:

### Chairman:

Cllr S Bartlett

### Vice Chairman:

Cllr S Aitkenhead

Cllr P Broadhead  
Cllr J Beesley  
Cllr L Dedman  
Cllr C Goodall

Cllr S Mackrow  
Cllr L Northover  
Cllr Dr F Rice  
Cllr K Salmon

Cllr T Trent  
Cllr O Walters  
Cllr C Weight

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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.

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?MId=5951>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Democratic Services on 01202 096660 or email [democratic.services@bcpCouncil.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@bcpCouncil.gov.uk)

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## Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

### 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](mailto: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

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To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 9 December 2024.

### a) Action Sheet

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The Board is asked to note the action sheet which tracks decisions, actions and outcomes from previous meetings.

## 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 midday 3 clear working days before the meeting – 30 December 2024.

The deadline for the submission of a statement is midday the working day before the meeting – 3 January 2025.

The deadline for the submission of a petition is 10 working days before the meeting.

## ITEMS OF BUSINESS

### 6. BCP Community Safety Partnership Annual Report

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Please note that this item was deferred from the O&S Board meeting on 9 December 2024.

This paper sets out elements of development and delivery by the BCP Community Safety Partnership (CSP), 'Safer BCP' and its constituent agencies. It provides Members with an update since the last report to Overview and Scrutiny Panel in December 2023.

The Local Government Act 2000 includes crime and disorder scrutiny as one of the functions the council must ensure its scrutiny arrangements cover. Sections 19 and 20 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and related regulations require the Council to have a committee with the functions of reviewing and scrutinising decisions and actions in respect of the discharge of crime and disorder functions by "responsible authorities".

The specifics of the duty are set out in the Police and Justice Act 2006, which also allows members to refer any "local crime and disorder matter" raised with them by anyone living or working in their area, to the Crime and Disorder Committee. The Board designated as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee must meet at least once every 12-month period to conduct the functions.

Guidance issued concerning how this role should be conducted include that:

- the role should be one of a critical friend, providing constructive challenge at a strategic level.
- the focus should be on the entire partnership and if issues arise that relate specifically to a particular partner agency, it may be more appropriate to refer such issues to the governing bodies of that organisation.
- the scrutiny of partners should be "in so far as their activities relate to the partnership itself."

In the BCP area, the Overview and Scrutiny Board undertakes this function each December.

### 7. Devolution

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HM Government requested the Council return an expression of interest pro-forma in September, stating its devolution preferences. This matter was debated at this Board in September 2024, considering the options set out by the Chief Executive. Subsequently, a response was submitted expressing the Council's preference for devolution on a BCP-only geography.

On 16 December, Government released its Devolution White Paper which sets out some new parameters, building on the previous framework, with the aims of working at a larger scale, bringing consistent governance to the devolution process and bringing into law the creation of Statutory

Authorities.

Those councils leading the Heart of Wessex proposal have stated they would opt to set up a mayoral model, which has raised their profile with Government, offering the chance to be part of the new “Devolution Priority Programme”. BCP Council has been invited to join the Heart of Wessex configuration and the proposed Mayoral Statutory Authority. This report sets out this context in more detail for members to consider the situation and recommend a way forward.

## **8. Work Plan**

The Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Board is asked to consider and identify work priorities for publication in a Work Plan.

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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.