

Notice of Overview and Scrutiny Board

Date: Monday, 12 May 2025 at 6.00 pm

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



Membership:

Chairman:

To be elected

Vice Chairman:

To be elected

The Membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Board is to be appointed at the full Council meeting on 6 May 2025.

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.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=5955>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Claire Johnston 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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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1 May 2025

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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)

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. Election of Chair

To elect the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board for the 2025/26 municipal year.

4. Election of Vice-Chair

To elect the Vice-Chair for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2025/26 municipal year.

5. 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.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 4 March 2025.

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6a. Action Sheet

To consider any outstanding actions from previous meetings.

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7. Information Considered Between Meetings

The following items were considered by the Board since the last meeting:

- [Corporate Performance Report – Quarter 3](#)

8. 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 midday 3 clear working days before the meeting – Tuesday 6 May 2025.

The deadline for the submission of a statement is midday the working day before the meeting – Friday 9 May 2025.

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

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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| 9. BCP Complaints Policy | 23 - 64 |
| <p>An effective complaints process demonstrates commitment to accountability, fosters trust amongst customers and stakeholders, and provides a structured way to address concerns appropriately and promptly. Recent revisions to the Local Government Ombudsman Complaint Handling Code have introduced changes designed to enhance the efficiency, transparency and responsiveness of local authorities in handling complaints. These modifications affect the operations and policies of all UK local authorities.</p> <p>The BCP Council Complaints Policy has been updated and additionally, a separate new policy has also been prepared regarding Unreasonable Actions, as also recommended by the Local Government Ombudsman.</p> | |
| 10. Blue Badge Update | 65 - 70 |
| <p>This report provides an update on the recommended actions made in relation to the Informal working group report update submitted to Corporate and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 21 October 2024.</p> | |
| 11. Arts and Culture Funding | 71 - 80 |
| <p>This provides information on the Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisations which BCP Council supports. The report provides information on their funding, objectives and details the important link between culture, health and wellbeing in line with the corporate strategy.</p> | |
| 12. Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Update | 81 - 108 |
| <p>This report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presents an update on Local Government Funding Reforms and the government Spring Statement.• Aims to ensure the council presents a legally balanced 2026/27 budget.• Proposes a budget planning process and timeline for key financial reports. <p>Proposes a financial strategy to support the delivery of a robust and financially sustainable budget for 2026/27.</p> | |

13. Work Plan

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

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.