

Notice of Overview and Scrutiny Board



Date: Monday, 23 March 2026 at 6.00 pm

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

Membership:

Chairman:

Cllr K Salmon

Vice Chairman:

Cllr S Aitkenhead

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

Cllr S Mackrow
Cllr L Northover
Cllr Dr F Rice
Cllr T Trent

Cllr O Walters
Cllr C Weight
Cllr G Wright

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.

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<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=5966>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Claire Johnston 01202 123663 or email democratic.services@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

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AIDAN DUNN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

13 March 2026

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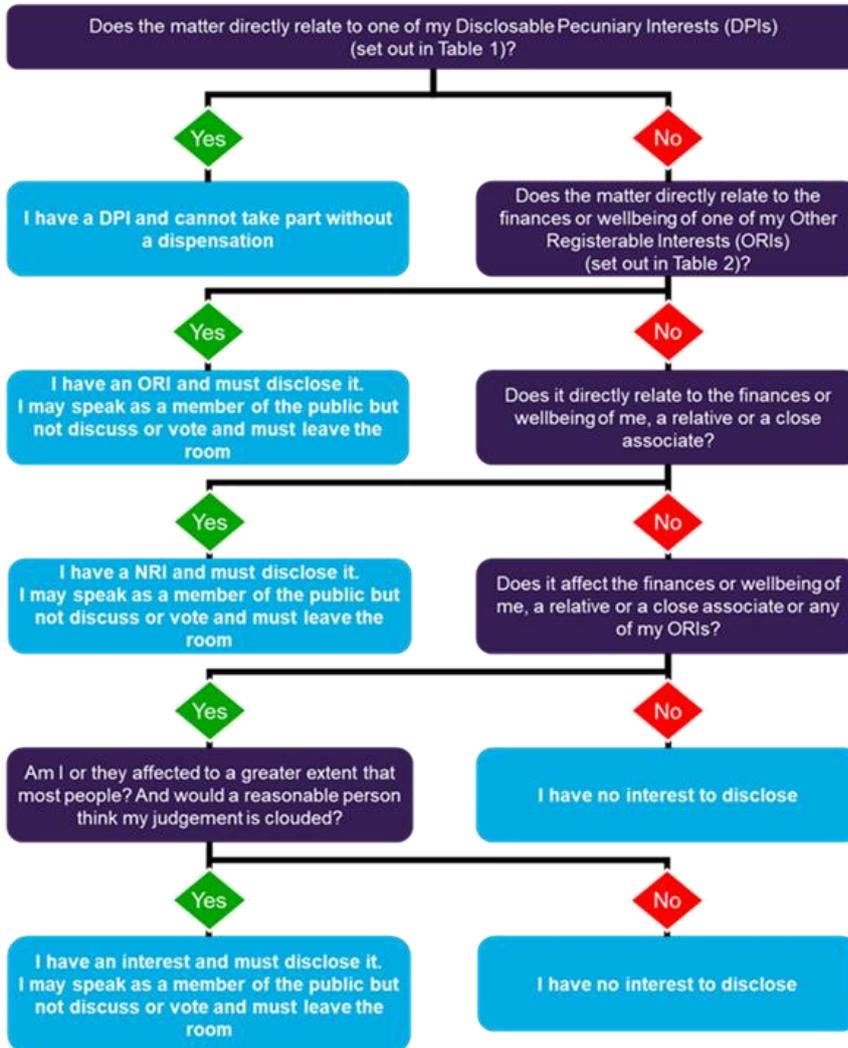


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Familiarise yourself with the Councillor Code of Conduct which can be found in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution.

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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.

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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 23 February 2026.

5. Recommendation Tracker

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For the Board to note the latest updates to the Recommendation Tracker and consider any outstanding actions.

6. 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 – Tuesday 17 March 2026.

The deadline for the submission of a statement is midday the working day before the meeting – Friday 20 March 2026.

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

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

7. Parking Around Schools

The Board is invited to discuss this issue following information gathering work conducted by the Board rapporteurs and input from interested parties before considering potential recommendations the Board wishes to make.

8. Key Lines Of Enquiry (KLOE) relating to parking pressure in high season

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Response to questions raised by the Key Lines Of Enquiry (KLOE) relating to parking related items across the BCP Council area

9. Work Plan

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The Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Board 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.

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 February 2026 at 6.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr K Salmon – Chairman

Cllr S Aitkenhead – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr J Beesley (online), Cllr P Canavan, Cllr L Dedman,
Cllr C Goodall, Cllr S Mackrow, Cllr L Northover, Cllr T Trent,
Cllr O Walters, Cllr C Weight and Cllr F Rice (online).

Also in attendance: Cllr R Herrett and Cllr K Wilson

97. Apologies

There were no apologies received for this meeting.

98. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members

99. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

100. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 February were approved as a correct record.

101. Recommendation Tracker

The recommendation tracker was circulated with the agenda for information.

102. Public Issues

There were no public petitions or questions. One public statement was received from Mr Stephen Tallamy and read out by the Democratic Services Officer as follows:

As a resident of Creekmoor in Poole it frustrates me that the majority of councillors, particularly Portfolio Holders are remiss when it comes to posting positive news regarding council business especially consultations on their social media accounts. Many may be reluctant to do so because of negative comments from well-known anti-everything residents but if used responsibly there is no need to engage with them. At almost every council

meeting the thorny subject of "how do we get the trust of residents and better get them to engage in consultations," is raised. Well you won't get it by non-engagement, all councillors have as community representatives a duty to keep their residents updated and informed in a timely, responsible and polite fashion, so everyone of you should be proud of being resident representatives and shouldn't be afraid of some negative feedback because that is never going to go away.

103. Consultation Framework Working Group Report

The Lead Member of the Working Group presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these minutes in the Minute Book. It was explained that at its meeting on 18 November 2024 the Overview and Scrutiny Board agreed to establish a working group to consider the BCP Council developing Consultation Framework in response to the report brought to the Board on Consultation methods and responses. Subsequently, the Board requested the working group broaden its original remit to include an examination of recent consultations and examples of previous consultations, with a view to identifying any lessons that could be applied to future practice. The findings of the working group and detail explaining the rationale behind the recommendations which the Working Group had formulated were presented to the Board. The officers who supported the working group and the relevant portfolio holder also addressed the Board. There were a number of points raised in discussion of this issue including:

- **Managing expectations:** It was emphasised that expectation-setting was crucial, particularly where views will be divided; caution was advised regarding councillor commentary on social media during live consultations.
- **Notification for ward members:** Several members stated that 24-hour notice had sometimes been experienced and that longer lead-in was necessary for effective local engagement. Members asked for sufficient detail prior to launch and not merely awareness that a consultation would occur.
- **Councillor conduct:** Concerns were expressed about online conduct and misinformation. It was noted that Councillor behaviour is governed by the Code of Conduct and Standards processes, with limited sanctions; the working group had focused on improving methodology rather than policing conduct.
- **Confidentiality:** A suggestion to withdraw early-notification privileges from any councillor who breached confidentiality was raised; officers cautioned this would be impractical to operate and outside the consultation team's remit, suggesting any such measures belong with conduct/standards governance
- **Clear framing on survey purpose:** Members supported prominent explanation that consultations inform, but do not decide, and suggested link-through to the published framework; a "tick acknowledgement" was discussed as a possible nudge to improve comprehension. Officers agreed to incorporate clearer front-end statements upon framework approval.

- **Representative Sampling / Citizens' Panel:** Clarification was provided that a Citizens' Panel (distinct from a Citizens' Assembly) would be a representative sample recruited via professional methods (e.g., telephone/online sampling and face-to-face intercepts), used alongside open consultations for surveys/focus groups to reach broader, less polarised views. Cost and methodology (including mobile recruitment and geographic/demographic spread) were noted.
- **Method and engagement:** Members advocated creative, hands-on approaches (e.g., participatory budgeting exercises) to help residents understand trade-offs, noting past local examples and recent panel work on town centre priorities that used budget-reallocation scenarios.
- **Question Design:** It was proposed that the framework state explicitly that questions would be meaningful and capable of informing decisions (not merely objective/non-leading). Officers undertook to review the draft to ensure this intent is explicit.
- **Professional standards:** Officers reiterated adherence to established consultation principles (including avoiding leading questions) and explained the value of sample surveys for more representative insight, acknowledging margins of error.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend to Cabinet that it adopts the Code of Good Practice.
2. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend to Cabinet that all members should be notified of consultations at least 1 week in advance of going live, providing summary detail of the topic for consultation.
3. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board endorse the ongoing work to produce an internal consultation toolkit, which should provide clear guidance on confidentiality.
4. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend to Cabinet that it endorses an approach to every consultation which clearly outlines that it is not a referendum.
5. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend to Cabinet that funding for the establishment of a citizens panel is built into future budgets for Consultations.
6. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend that the Chief Executive bring the Consultation Forward Plan to Group Leaders Meetings on a quarterly basis in order to raise awareness with members. As well as informing of forthcoming consultations the update should provide guidance on confidentiality and expectations for member engagement.
7. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend to officers that greater clarity be provided around why particular consultation methods were chosen and also clarity on the reason why a consultation is taking place and how the results of the consultation will be used.

8. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend that officers give consideration to the most robust consultation process available, recognising that sample surveys tend to be more robust and consider the additional costs involved with this

The Board also asked officers to review whether the framework (Code of Good Practice) should more explicitly reference the need for meaningful, decision-relevant consultation questions. Officers agreed to thoroughly check through the Code and make adjustments if required.

Voting: Nem. Con.

104. BCP Community Safety Partnership Annual Report

The presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix '?' to these Minutes in the Minute Book. The Board considered the paper which sets out elements of development and delivery by 'Safer BCP', the BCP Community Safety Partnership (CSP), and its constituent agencies. It provided Members with an update since the last report to Overview and Scrutiny Panel in January 2025. The Board was reminded that the Local Government Act 2000 includes crime and disorder scrutiny as one of the functions the council must ensure its scrutiny arrangements cover and the Board had been designated as the appropriate body for this function. The CSP's statutory partners and duties were outlined, including strategic assessment, plan/monitoring, information sharing, reducing re-offending/substance misuse, and commissioning of Domestic Homicide Reviews. The priorities for 2025/26 were outlined, as reducing serious violence; reducing violence against women and girls; and reducing ASB and crime hot spots. There had been a general downward trend in sexual assaults, domestic abuse incidents, personal robbery, and knife crime. Reported ASB had decreased year-on-year. The Board was informed of the future work for the CSP which included continued funding for domestic abuse services and serious violence interventions; a national review of CSPs and impacts of forthcoming legislation were anticipated. Executive. A number of issues were discussed by the Board including:

- **ASB reporting and data confidence:** Assurance was sought that reduced figures did not simply reflect barriers to reporting. Dorset Police described actions to improve reporting confidence, while maintaining hotspot-led patrols, noted likely increases as confidence improves, and highlighted targeted operations.
- **E-scooters/E-bikes:** Members queried legality and retail practices. It was explained that rental e-scooters operated under authorised schemes with speed caps and licence checks, whereas privately owned e-scooters remained unlawful on public roads. Calls for national legislative clarity were noted.
- **Noisy motorcycles / late-night nuisance:** Concerns about specific corridors were raised. Police encouraged continued reporting to inform planned operations, outlined limitations of certain tactics for motorcycles, and described new tagging/spray tactics to support

later identification. Use of ANPR where plates are visible was referenced.

- **Community Patrol Groups:** Questions were raised about an unregulated community group operating locally. Police stated that such entities were not endorsed due to concerns with operating models. The Council reported ongoing dialogue aimed at signposting to proper governance, safeguarding and insurance standards, whilst reiterating that commissioned/specialist services should not be replaced by unregulated activity.
- **Future Changes and Scrutiny:** It was observed that CSP arrangements may change significantly over the next 12 months as national policy develops. The Board indicated an intention to schedule future scrutiny of any proposed changes once guidance is clearer.
- **Community cohesion:** In response to questions, officers outlined a new externally funded community cohesion role to work with diverse communities, counter misinformation, progress the hate crime action plan, expand third-party reporting, and develop education resources with schools.
- **Domestic abuse:** An increase in high-risk cases referred to Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference, MARAC was discussed. Officers cited factors including recent police training and transition to a new risk assessment tool, potentially affecting risk categorisation. Safeguarding processes remained in place for victims and children, with perpetrator risk also addressed.
- **Safe Places Scheme:** Members sought information and avenues to champion the scheme locally. Officers confirmed expansion across BCP, inclusion of day/night-time venues, and signposting via the national Safe Places website, with communications being prepared to raise awareness.
- **Retail Crime:** Activity with Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and retailers was described, including evidence upload tools for CCTV, proactive arrests of repeat offenders, use of Criminal Behaviour Orders, CPS engagement, and tailored crime-prevention advice. Members asked that similar support be considered for non-BID areas with high shoplifting rates.

RESOLVED: That the annual report be noted.

Voting: Nem.Con.

The Board affirmed its intention in returning to the subject to scrutinise implications of national CSP reforms once proposals were published.

105. Increased Penalty Charge Notice and Associated Charges Trial

The Portfolio Holder for Cabinet Member for Destination, Leisure and Commercial Operations presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'C' to these Minutes in the Minute Book. The Board was advised that the Council conducted a Department for Transport (DfT) authorised trial in August 2025

to test whether increasing Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) levels and associated charges to London-equivalent rates would improve compliance and reduce illegal parking in the coastal area from Sandbanks to Hengistbury Head. The trial showed a reversal of the expected rise in contraventions, with overall PCNs decreasing against forecast models, alongside reductions in serious on-street breaches and improvements in bus punctuality. No negative impact on visitor numbers was identified, and parking capacity remained consistently available, suggesting most illegal parking had been by choice rather than necessity. Some behavioural displacement occurred into lower-level car park contraventions, and peak-pressure days still presented challenges. Overall, the trial demonstrated that higher PCN levels can effectively improve compliance, with BCP Council recommending either a national review of PCN rates outside London or a wider, longer-term follow-up trial. A number of points were discussed by the Board including:

- **Potential Future Scope:** It was asked that any extension cover the whole BCP area and run longer (to capture school-term impacts). The Cabinet Member indicated that any further trial sought from the DfT should be BCP-wide and for an extended period.
- **DfT decision-making:** Members asked whether a national uplift or a further local trial would be pursued and when. The Board was informed that the evidence-led officer report with two feasible recommendations, a national rates uplift or a further extended local trial, had been submitted to the DfT. The Cabinet report was provided for the findings to be noted and to publicly support the approach; follow-up representations to the DfT were planned once the DfT had digested the report.
- **Strength of recommendation:** Members urged the strongest case be made that the tested uplift should form the baseline for either option presented. Officers acknowledged that London rates may change from April and that alignment to London is the likely ceiling outside London.
- **Measurement:** Questions were raised about whether “success” reflected tickets issued or contraventions occurring. Officers stated that the relevant metric was contraventions, with officer productivity per hour steady year-on-year; higher counts on bank-holiday days reflected increased demand pressures, whereas the overall period evidenced reduction.
- **CEO Capacity:** Approximately 55 FTE Civil Enforcement Officers were in post against a structure of roughly 60–65.
- **Resident/visitor information:** The approach to informing visitors included on-site posters, entry-point notices, radio and press was outlined. The absence of unusual challenge rates suggested effective communication.
- **Interaction with the Parking Strategy:** Members asked how the trial feeds into the emerging Parking Strategy. It was stated that evidence of improved compliance at higher penalty levels informs assumptions about effective enforcement and the role of restrictions. Further discussion on this was anticipated when the draft strategy is considered by the Board.

The Board noted the report and welcomed the submission to DfT seeking either national change or approval for an extended BCP-wide trial ahead of summer 2026.

106. Work Plan

The Chair of the Board presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'D' to these Minutes in the Minute Book. The Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Board was asked to consider and identify work priorities for publication in a Work Plan. The ongoing work-programming exercise was noted and the outcomes from this were expected to be reported to the next meeting. The next meeting was scheduled to focus on parking: both the early draft Parking Strategy and a rapporteur report on parking enforcement around schools. Engagement with schools and the local bus operator for that item was being arranged. A suggestion to hear directly from a headteacher was welcomed.

RESOLVED: That the O&S Board work plan be noted.

The meeting ended at 8.22 pm

CHAIRMAN

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RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS TRACKER – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY FUNCTION

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

UPDATED: 14.01.2026

Minute number	Item	Recommendation made <small>*items remain for monitoring until implementation is complete or committee agree to remove.</small>	Recommended to <small>*name of receiving body/ Officer, and date received</small>	Outcome <small>*accepted/ partially accepted/ rejected/ unknown.</small>	Implementation updates
Recommendations from Board meeting – 13 May 2024					
9.	A shared vision for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole 2024-28 Strategy and Delivery Plan	<p>RESOLVED that the Board support the recommendations to Cabinet, subject to the suggested amendments from the Board:</p> <p>(a) The delivery plan be approved (b) The measures for monitoring progress and ensuring accountability for delivery be agreed.</p> <p>Note – minor amendments to the measures contained in the report were suggested by the O&S Board and captured in the full minutes of the meeting.</p>	Cabinet - 22 May 2024	Accepted	The Portfolio Holder confirmed that the amendments suggested at O&S Board had been incorporated into the revised version of the Strategy and Delivery Plan supplied for decision by Cabinet.
Recommendations from Board meeting – 16 July 2024 – No recommendations made at this meeting.					
Recommendations from Board meeting – 27 August 2024 – No recommendations made at this meeting.					
Recommendations from Board meeting – 23 September 2024 – No recommendations made at this meeting.					
Recommendations from Board meeting – 1 October 2024 – No recommendations made at this meeting.					
Recommendations from Board meeting – 21 October 2024					

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Agenda Item 5

60.	Blue Badge Service Update Report	<p>The Board resolved that:</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder/Leader and the Chief Executive be asked to write to the Department for Transport to raise the concerns outlined by the O&S Board and that the Portfolio Holder take the issue forward with local MPs and the Local Government Association to encourage local authorities to raise these issues with the Department for Transport and request that central government gives local authorities the freedom to set fees which cover the cost of administering the system and that the system should be simplified in terms of renewal processes.</p>	Portfolio Holder/ Leader/ Chief Executive	Partially accepted by the Portfolio Holder	<p>The Portfolio Holder confirmed that they had written to the Department for Transport and provided the response received to the O&S Board at its meeting on 12 May.</p> <p>It was unknown if this had been raised directly with the LGA and at the O&S Board meeting on 12 May the Portfolio Holder undertook to follow up on this.</p>
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Recommendations from Board meeting – [18 November 2024](#)

69.	O&S Budget Working Groups – findings and recommendations	<p>Recommended to Cabinet</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the principle of an inflationary increase across all parking charges be endorsed for the 2025/26 budget. 2. That it requests Officers to take into account the suggestion that an assessment be made on using a proportion of surplus income to accelerate the parking charging machine replacement programme prioritising the best value machines in order to reduce future costs (subject to the necessary procurement processes). 3. That Officers be requested to explore options to reduce costs for the Council and make the process easier for the public to pay for car parking, in particular an option to be able to pay in advance/on Council website. 	Cabinet – 10 December 2024	Partially accepted	<p>Responses provided to the Cabinet meeting on 5 February</p> <p>://ced-pri-cms-02.ced.local/documents/s55921/Appendix%203a%20-%20Portfolio%20Holder%20Responses%20to%20Budget%20Scrutiny.pdf</p>
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That it requests that Officers evaluate the retention and recruitment of Civil Enforcement Officers to ensure a robust and resilient workforce to provide an appropriate level of resource and promote safe and appropriate parking. 2. That Officers be requested to ensure adequate resourcing of parking enforcement to reduce inappropriate parking around schools. 	Cabinet – 10 December 2024	Accepted	<p>Response from Portfolio Holder received at the O&S Board meeting on 3 February 2025 :</p> <p>http://ced-pri-cms-02.ced.local/documents/s55808/responses%20from%20Cabinet.pdf</p>

		<p>The O&S Board recommend to Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That any Resident Card offering is made fully accessible to all those who are not digitally enabled. 2. That there should be an application process for the card with a small financial contribution for the cost of processing and that the card should be a valuable offer that residents are willing to pay a small cost for, so that it can be sustainable in terms of administrative costs. 3. That any charge levied for the card should be the same regardless of the format and that consideration should be given to concessions for disadvantaged groups. 	Cabinet – 10 December 2024	Partially accepted	<p>Responses provided to the Cabinet meeting on 5 February</p> <p>://ced-pri-cms-02.ced.local/documents/s55921/Appendix%203a%20-%20Portfolio%20Holder%20Responses%20to%20Budget%20Scrutiny.pdf</p> <p>Response from Portfolio Hodler received at the O&S Board meeting on 3 February 2025 :</p> <p>http://ced-pri-cms-02.ced.local/documents/s55808/responses%20from%20Cabinet.pdf</p> <p>Note: the residents card offer did not progress as part of the budget</p>	
Recommendations from Board meeting – 9 December 2024						
15	78	Pay and Reward Progress Update	RESOLVED that Cabinet be recommended to approve option 2 of the proposed process flowchart (Appendix 1 of the report) and the commencement of collective consultation under s188 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 ('TULRCA'), which is a statutory obligation where an employer is proposing to dismiss 20 or more employees.	Cabinet - 10 December 2024	Accepted	Negotiations with the pay and reward progress have continued and a new offer had been made to the unions. A ballot was now taking place with the recognised trade unions and an outcome was expected by the end of June 2025. This report was brought to O&S Board and Cabinet

79	Housing Delivery Council Newbuild Housing and Acquisition Strategy (CNHAS) update and Harbour Sail acquisition	RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend that Cabinet support the recommendations as set out in the Cabinet report: Housing Delivery Council Newbuild Housing and Acquisition Strategy CNHAS update and Harbour Sail a.pdf	Cabinet - 10 December 2024	Accepted	The recommendation from Cabinet has not been put before Council because the purchase of Harbour Sail has not proceeded. This was due to timing of the purchase which affected the ability to use the grant for the purchase (which without this grant the scheme was no longer financially viable) and that title restrictions could not be altered to allow flexibility of tenure that was required. The grant has been reallocated to other property acquisitions.
81	BCP Council Libraries – Update on Library Strategy Development	RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend that Cabinet support the recommendations as set out in the Cabinet report: BCP Council Libraries Update on Library Strategy Development.pdf	Cabinet - 10 December 2024	Accepted	The Library strategy is expected to be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board and Cabinet in August and September 2025
Recommendations from Board meeting – 6 January 2025					
90	Devolution	Recommended to the Leader that: a: The Leader arranges an emergency Full Council Meeting at the earliest opportunity to enable a vote of ALL of the available options b: An evidence-based piece of work be undertaken on the pros and cons of a devolution arrangement with both the Solent deal AND Wessex deal, including exploring a public referendum for BCP residents.	Leader of the Council	Partially accepted	Full Council meeting was arranged for 15 January 2025. The Council meeting considered the options of both the Solent deal and the Wessex deal, further information was brought to the Council meeting and Council voted to participate in the priority programme and to move forward with the Wessex proposal.
Recommendations from Board meeting – 13 January 2025 – No recommendations made at this meeting					
Recommendations from Board meeting – 3 February 2025					

106.	Council Budget Monitoring 2024/25 at Quarter 3	RESOLVED that the O&S Board recommend to the Audit and Governance Committee that it instigate an investigation on the Carters Quay development.	Audit and Governance Committee 27 February 2025	Accepted	Update provided to the A&G Committee at its meeting on 29 May. Chief Executive agreed that a report of the governance and process could be produced for the 24 July. It was also agreed to circulate by email the updated provided by the Director, Investment and Development together with the advice previously provided by the Monitoring Officer. Carters Quay - Update.pdf A further report will be take to Cabinet
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Recommendations from Board meeting – 4 March 2025

115.	Community Governance Review – Draft Recommendations	RESOLVED: that the O&S Board Recommend to Cabinet that the draft recommendations of the Task and Finish Group relating to proposals for Burton and Winkton (A), Hum (B), Highcliffe & Walkford (C) and Christchurch Town (D) be recommended to Council, for approval for publication and consultation, without amendment.	Cabinet date – 5 March 2025	Accepted	Consultation progressed with these proposals. The Consultation closed 22 June 2025. The Working group are processing the outcome of the consultation and a report will be brought back to the October Cabinet meeting.
		RESOLVED: That the O&S Board recommend to Cabinet that the draft recommendations of the Task and Finish Group relating to Broadstone (F) and Poole Town (J) be recommended to Council, for approval for publication and consultation, without amendment.		Accepted	
		RESOLVED that the Board recommend to Cabinet that that the recommendation for Bournemouth (K) not be forwarded to Council.		Rejected	Cabinet felt that it was important to consult on all areas including (k) Bournemouth Town and therefore supported the recommendations as set out by the task and finish group and did not support recommendation 3 as submitted by the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

		RESOLVED that the Board recommend to Cabinet that the draft recommendations of the Task and Finish Group relating to Southbourne (I) be recommended to Council, for approval for publication and consultation, without amendment.		Accepted	
		RESOLVED that the O&S Board recommend to Cabinet that the draft recommendations of the Task and Finish Group relating to Boscombe and Pokesdown (H) be recommended to Council, for approval for publication and consultation, without amendment.		Accepted	
		RESOVLED that the O&S Board recommend to Cabinet that the draft recommendations of the Task and Finish Group relating to Throop and Holdenhurst (E) be recommended to Council, for approval for publication and consultation, without amendment.		Accepted	
		RESOLVED that the O&S Board recommend to Cabinet that the draft recommendations of the Task and Finish Group relating to Redhill and Northbourne (G) be recommended to Council, for approval for publication and consultation, without amendment		Accepted	

116.	Bournemouth Development Company LLP Business Plan	RESOLVED that the O&S Board recommend to Cabinet that a decision to extend the Winter Gardens site 'Option Execution Date' is deferred by Cabinet until the new BDC Partnerships Business Plan has been approved by Cabinet.	Cabinet – 5 March 2025	Rejected	The Cabinet did amend a recommendation as follows: Agrees the principle of an extension of the Winter Gardens site "Option Execution Date", with details to be agreed to be delegated to the Chief Operations Officer acting in consultation with the Leader of the Council, or until Cabinet have had the opportunity to review a revised partnership business plan including the site development plan for the revised Winter Gardens scheme." It was not able to agree a deferment of this decision as this would stop progress on the Winter Gardens development.
117.	Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	RESOLVED That the Board recommended to Cabinet: 1. That the spending priorities for Strategic CIL as set out in Option 2 of the paper over the period 2024/25 to 2029/30 be agreed provided CIL income is as forecast; and 2. That the report be updated annually for Cabinet and Council.	Cabinet – 5 March 2025	Accepted	Accepted by Cabinet and spending priorities agreed for 2024/25 to 2029/30 for CIL.
Recommendations from Board meeting – 12 May 2025					
11.	Blue Badge Update	The Chair requested that the matter also be raised with the Local Government Association particularly regarding the cost of administering the Blue Badge scheme and the limitations of the current data system	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Customer, Communication and Culture	Unknown	Update on this issue awaited – no deadline date

12.	Arts and Culture Funding	<p>Recommended to Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the O&S Board recognise the value of the NPOs funded by BCP to Health and well-being youth and the local economy and urge Cabinet to protect the funding BCP currently provides. 2. That Cabinet endorse the work that's been done with schools by the NPOs and recommends that Cabinet take action to encourage all schools to take part. 3. To explore whether it would be a benefit for a Councillor to be appointed as a member of the Board on any or all of the NPO organisations, and 4. That it ensures that the arts by sea festival goes ahead next year. 	Cabinet – 13 May 2025	Accepted	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: The cultural funding remains in the MTFP so there is no change in that position as of the moment. 2: The Portfolio Holder is working with the Cultural Hub to encourage this. 3: The Portfolio Holder has spoken to the NPO and they respectfully suggested that this would not be helpful. The Portfolio Holder agreed with this especially as they would likely be a PH and the Portfolio Holder already had very close links with all of them. 4: We are planning for ABTS next year and awaiting funding news from ACE.
Recommendations from Board meeting – 9 June 2025					
22.	Bournemouth Air Festival	The Overview and Scrutiny Board agreed with the recommendation that Cabinet agrees to Option 4 as set out in the report, which acknowledges the ongoing process for new events to come forward and stops any further work on an Air Festival for 2026 onwards.	Cabinet – 18 June 2025	Accepted	Recommendation accepted and confirmed that further work on the Air Festival for 2026 had been discontinued.
23.	Bournemouth Development Company - Winter Gardens Project	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Overview and Scrutiny Board supported the following recommendations to Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (c) Cabinet approves the BDC Partnership Business Plan for 2025 – 2030. (c) Cabinet confirms the extension of the Site Option Execution Date to September 2028, allowing Muse as the Private Sector Partner in the BDC to fund the first stage of work on the new Winter Gardens scheme, resulting in a new Site Development Plan. (c) Cabinet approves proceeding on the understanding that public parking will not be included in a new scheme design. 2. The Overview and Scrutiny Board welcomed the development of the Town Centre Vision for Bournemouth and requested to scrutinise the regeneration visions for the 3 Towns in the BCP Area as these are redeveloped. 	Cabinet – 18 June 2025	Accepted	The development plans are due to come forward for consideration in December 2025 and it was proposed by the Leader that these would go to full Council.

		<p>3. The Overview and Scrutiny Board welcomed the development of the Town Centre Vision for Bournemouth and requested to scrutinise the regeneration visions for the 3 Towns in the BCP Area as these are redeveloped.</p>		<p>Accepted – update provided</p>	<p>We are developing the narrative across the three towns identifying key strengths and uniqueness to build upon the vision set out in the Corporate Strategy : vibrant places, where healthy people and nature flourish, with a thriving economy in a healthy natural environment. To support this we've made good progress by the establishment of a Citizen's Panel and the Growth Board. The Citizen's Panel comprises of residents with a focus on the town centre which is helping to provide insight into how residents feel and engage within the space. The Growth Board is a newly established steering group which is comprised of representatives from key sectors within the BCP conurbation including Business Improvement District, education, manufacturing, Starts up and the volunteering sector. These perspectives are helping to shape our vision for BCP as a place which can thrive, for residents to feel civic pride and a destination for visitors to enjoy. The conversation at the O&S focussed on how Winter Gardens fits into the wider context of the Town Centre and committee members asked for that to form part of any proposals from BDC. There is an existing Town Centre Vision which forms part of the Local Plan, and the intention is for BDC to review this to support a future planning application, ensuring it reflects the nature of the development proposals in the absence of a formal planning policy framework.</p>
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24.	Leisure Services Presentation and Discussion	The Overview and Scrutiny Board recommended that Cabinet be urged to put in place an "Access to Leisure" scheme across the whole BCP area as soon as possible, recognising that people in Poole have lost this facility and with particular emphasis on ensuring accessibility for people with disabilities	Cabinet – 18 June 2025	Accepted – update from Portfolio Holder Provided	The Portfolio holder has asked that officers explore options around a renewed access to leisure facility and bring forward options, including but not limited to; how that would be managed, financial implications, and meeting the recommendation as requested by the Overview and scrutiny board.
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Recommendations from Board meeting – [15 July 2025](#)

31.	Enhancement to Pay and Reward Offer	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Board supported the following recommendations to Council within the Cabinet report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Agree the additional costs associated with enhancing the proposed Pay and Reward offer. b) Agree the additional savings proposals outlined in Appendix 1 to ensure the cost implications of the proposal remain consistent with the February 2025 endorsed Medium Term Financial Plan. c) Agrees the details of the enhanced offer shown in Appendix 4 and 5 that will form the basis of the signed collective agreement with our recognised trade unions. d) Approves the recommended implementation date of 1 December 2025. 	Cabinet – 16 July	Accepted	Agreed by Council on 22 July 2025. Work underway to achieve implementation for December 2025.
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32.	Scrutiny of Budget Related Cabinet reports – MTFP update report	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Board endorsed the work of Members and Officers around SEND as set out in recommendation C of the report as follows:</p> <p>In respect of the SEND deficit, note the update and acknowledges the action taken by the Leader and the Director of Finance</p>	Cabinet - 16 July	Accepted	
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Recommendations from Board meeting - [22 September 2025](#)

39.	Residents Card	RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny Board do not support the recommendation as outlined in the report as the Board did not feel that the Cabinet report included sufficient financial details and details of the scheme offers to enable it to make an informed decision. The Board recommend to Cabinet that the report is deferred to allow details of	Cabinet – 1 October	Rejected	Updates were made to the report and the recommendation prior to consideration by Cabinet.
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		the financial modelling that has been done to be added, including a cost/benefit analysis and a sensitivity analysis. Once this additional information is included in the report, it should then be brought back to the O&S Board before being taken to Cabinet for decision.			
Recommendations from Board meeting – 30 September 2025					
47.	Community Governance Review – Final Recommendations	All Recommendations as set out within the Cabinet report were supported by the Board: (a) the Task and Finish Group community governance review final recommendations, as set out in paragraphs 49, 62, 74, 92, 104, 117, 128, 140, 152, 166 and 181 of this report be approved; (b) the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to make all necessary reorganisation of community governance orders to implement the changes agreed by Council; (c) the Task and Finish Group continue to consider the transfer of civic and ceremonial assets, statutory services and precept requirements for year 1, for each new parish, on the basis of minimal transfer and precept, and a report be presented to full Council in due course.	Cabinet – 1 October	Accepted	The recommendations of Cabinet were referred to Council on 14 October. The Recommendations of Cabinet were agreed by full Council
Recommendations from Board meeting - 20 October 2025					
56.	Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) update	The Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend to Cabinet that as part of the Budget setting process. consideration be given to utilising receipts from the existing surplus asset disposal programme for 2026/27 to address some of the repairs and maintenance of publicly facing assets.	Cabinet – 29 October	Partially Accepted but final determination was to reject	The Portfolio Holder advised that this was considered as part of the budget setting process but due to the significant pressures on the delivery of statutory services it was not agreed to include this within the proposed budget – 9 February 2026
57.	BCP Council Libraries Draft Library Strategy	1. The Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend to Cabinet that as part of the Library Strategy it looks to maintain staffed hours in libraries, especially in the afternoon period, as open access is rolled out further in the future. 2. The Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend to Cabinet that the Library Service put together a list of smaller neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Bids to put to Councillors and Neighbourhood Forums immediately upon the opening of future CIL rounds.	Cabinet - 29 October	Accepted	The Portfolio Holder reported that the staff hours in Libraries would be maintained and that a list of potential CIL bids had been created and these were outlined to the Board – 9 February 2026

		3. That the O&S Board support the recommendations as set out in the Cabinet report.			
Recommendations from Board – 17 November 2025 – No recommendations made at this meeting					
Recommendations from Board – 8 December 2025					
79.	Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Update	RESOLVED that the O&S Board advise Cabinet of its support for all recommendations as outlined in the Cabinet report.	Cabinet – 17 December	Accepted	Cabinet noted the support for the recommendations within the report.
Recommendations from Board – 5 January 2026					
87.	Regeneration Progress Report	That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend to Cabinet that, to enable effective lobbying of Government in the future, the draft of the BCP Growth Plan be shared with O&S Board Members when available and that Overview and Scrutiny be embedded in the plan's development and approval process.	Cabinet – 14 January	Accepted	Extract from Cabinet minutes: The Leader thanked Councillor Salmon and the Board for bringing their recommendation to Cabinet and advised that she was minded to accept the recommendation and that a formal response would be provided to the Board.
Recommendations from Board – 9 February 2026					
95.	Budget 2026/27 and Medium-Term Financial Plan	The Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend to Cabinet that the questions asked in the budget consultation be reviewed to ensure that they are relevant to the choices which need to be made in the 2027/28 budget setting.	Cabinet – 11 February	Unknown - TBC	
103.	Consultation Framework Working Group Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend to Cabinet that it adopts the Code of Good Practice – see the following link to the draft document: Code of Good Practice 2. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend to Cabinet that all members should be notified of consultations at least 1 week in advance of going live, providing summary detail of the topic for consultation. 3. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board endorse the ongoing work to produce an internal consultation toolkit, which should provide clear guidance on confidentiality. 	Cabinet 4 March 2026	TBC	

		<p>4. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend to Cabinet that it endorses an approach to every consultation which clearly outlines that it is not a referendum.</p> <p>5. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend to Cabinet that funding for the establishment of a citizens panel is built into future budgets for Consultations.</p>			
103.	Consultation Framework Working Group Report	<p>1. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend that the Chief Executive bring the Consultation Forward Plan to Group Leaders Meetings on a quarterly basis in order to raise awareness with members. As well as informing of forthcoming consultations the update should provide guidance on confidentiality and expectations for member engagement.</p> <p>2. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend to officers that greater clarity be provided around why particular consultation methods were chosen and also clarity on the reason why a consultation is taking place and how the results of the consultation will be used.</p> <p>3. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend that officers give consideration to the most robust consultation process available, recognising that sample surveys tend to be more robust and consider the additional costs involved with this</p>	Officers	TBC	

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Minute number	Item	Action* *Items remain until action completed.	Benefit	Updates
Actions from Board meeting – 12 May 2025				
10.	BCP Complaints Policy	RESOLVED that the Board further examine the role of councillors in the complaints process, particularly in relation to ward issues and casework.	To ensure the effectiveness of both the Councils complaints process and work of Ward Councillors	Work underway - Cllr S Aitkenhead as rapporteur
Actions from Board meeting – 22 September 2025				
38.	Commercial Operations	Portfolio Holder to provide an update on the current situation in 6 months-time with a view to scheduling further scrutiny when appropriate.	To monitor and receive updates on this area of the Council	Update due to the Board in March.
Actions from Board meeting – 20 October 2025				
57.	BCP Council Library – Draft Library Strategy	A potential item be included on the O&S work programme on a review of income generation opportunities within the library service, including commercialisation options and partnership models.	TBC	
Actions from Board meeting – 5 January 2026				
87.	Regeneration Progress Report	That a small group be convened including Cllrs J Beesley, P Canavan and K Salmon to scope draft Key Lines of Enquiry on a number of the issues raised for future scrutiny in preparation of the O&S Work Programming process.	To ensure that the issues raised are given due consideration and ensure that the work planning process can continue.	
Actions from Board meeting – 23 February 2026				
103.	Consultation Framework Working Group Report	The Board also asked officers to review whether the framework (Code of Good Practice) should more explicitly reference the need for meaningful, decision- relevant consultation questions. Officers agreed to thoroughly check through the Code and make adjustments if required.	To ensure that this is taken into consideration when the Code of Good Practice is adopted.	

ENVIRONMENT AND PLACE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

UPDATED: 14.01.26

Minute number	Item	Recommendation made *items remain for monitoring until implementation is complete or committee agree to remove.	Recommended to *name of receiving body/ Officer, and date received	Outcome *accepted/ partially accepted/ rejected/ unknown.	Implementation updates
Recommendations from Committee – 15 May 2024					
27	Improvement of the environment in Poole Park through a trial closure of a park entrance to motor traffic	Cabinet refer the matter to Full Council for decision.	Cabinet, 22 May 2024	Rejected	<p>Extract from Cabinet minutes:</p> <p>'Cabinet members questioned the benefit of taking the report to full council for further debate and felt that the decision should be made.'</p> <p>Decision made: RESOLVED that Cabinet: - (a) Agrees that the current trial closure, of the Whitecliff entrance and exit point to motor vehicles, is made permanent in Poole Park. (b) Agrees that current arrangements are retained, and motor vehicles can still access Poole Park and its facilities.'</p>
Recommendations from Committee – 11 September 2024					
15	Plant-based and reduced meat and dairy diets: discussion paper	RESOLVED that a. the Environment & Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered the information presented in the discussion paper and gave their views on possible approaches Cabinet may wish to take in relation to the promotion of plant-based and reduced meat and dairy diets. These proposals will then be subject to further evidence-gathering and consultation. b. To support the treaty and do more work outside the committee on the position statement. c. The draft position statement be brought back to the Committee for further consideration with information	Portfolio Holder and Officers	Accepted	A revised position statement with measurable objectives was returned to the committee for further scrutiny in October 2025.

		about how it can be measured against SMART objectives in order for the Council to be more ambitious and positive on this issue			
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Recommendations from Committee – 20 November 2024 – No recommendations made at this meeting.

Recommendations from Committee – [26 February 2025](#)

38	Climate Action Annual Report 2023/24	RESOLVED that a) The Committee propose to the Portfolio Holder that on the front page of the BCP Greenhouse Gas Emissions Dashboard an additional box is added to highlight the context of any carbon reduction relevant to the annual carbon reduction target b) Embedded carbon cost to be included in the calculation and displayed on the dashboard where available.	Portfolio Holder	Unknown - seek update	
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39	Housing Strategy Review	RESOLVED that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommend to Cabinet that that the Housing Strategy Steering Group be comprised of one member from each political group and one unaligned member.	Cabinet, 2 April 2025	Accepted	<p>Extract from Cabinet minutes:</p> <p>‘The Portfolio Holder thanked the Environment and Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee for their thorough debate at the Committee and expressed support for their recommendation.’</p> <p>Decision made: RESOLVED that Cabinet: - (a) Approved the Revised Housing Strategy Delivery Plan at appendix B; (b) Approved the extension of the current Housing Strategy Period to 2027; (c) Approved the governance structure as set out in paragraphs 7-11 of the report; and (d) Approved that the steering group being formed be made up of 1 member of each Political group and 1 unaligned member.</p>
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Recommendations from Committee – [2 April 2025](#)

49	Recommendations from the Safer	Recommendations to Cabinet	Cabinet date, 26 November 25	Agreed	1. The proposed Safe Accommodation Strategy delivery plan includes a number of actions around communication,
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	<p>Accommodati on Strategy Working Group</p>	<p>1. That as part of the Safe Accommodation Strategy development, officers consider an awareness campaign and/or guidance materials on the different types of financial support that are available to support those fleeing domestic abuse, in particular in relation to different types of housing tenure (e.g. shared tenancies, joint mortgages), in order to break down a significant barrier to survivors accessing support to end their abuse.</p> <p>2. That the engagement plan for the Safe Accommodation Strategy should ensure that the voices of those with lived experience are heard and reflected within the Strategy.</p> <p>3. That an all councillor briefing session be added to the Safe Accommodation Strategy engagement plan, to ensure members are adequately informed about the strategy and able to contribute views, and to enable them to fulfil their role within the community by communicating the benefits of the Safe Accommodation Strategy to residents.</p> <p>4. a) that the provision of safe accommodation and associated commissioning process be reviewed, b) that scrutiny members be invited to review and input into this review, prior to the commencement of commissioning, through an additional meeting of this working group.</p> <p>5. That the use of temporary accommodation be continuously reviewed and specific KPIs be established for monitoring the success of the new safe accommodation model, including occupancy rates, length of stay, outcomes for survivors (e.g., successful move-on to permanent housing), and survivor satisfaction. These KPIs should be reviewed regularly by the relevant scrutiny committee to ensure accountability and transparency.</p> <p>6. That Cabinet, with the support of the council's Corporate Management Board, be requested to take a</p>			<p>training and specialist advice that will ensure any household receives correct and clear information. Please see attached strategy delivery plan.</p> <p>2. Public consultation on the three domestic abuse strategies (Prevention of Domestic Abuse, Safe Accommodation and Perpetrator Strategies) has been completed, alongside several sessions on the Safe Accommodation Strategy with our established experts by experience group, including a dedicated session on the delivery plan. We will continue working with this group to monitor implementation, which includes actions to train and support experts by experience so they can actively participate in the commissioning and procurement of domestic abuse services.</p> <p>3. An all councillor briefing will be arranged in due course.</p> <p>4. The Safe Accommodation Strategy will be submitted with a commissioning plan for scrutiny and review.</p> <p>5. The proposed Safe Accommodation Strategy delivery plan sets out several actions that will contribute to this recommendation including the following:</p> <p>2.1.3 We will minimise the use of temporary accommodation and where this is provided, as a last resort, specialist Domestic Abuse support will</p>
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		view on forthcoming decisions that may be of significant or contentious public impact, regardless of decision-making thresholds, and an all councillor briefing be held before any such decisions are made, to enable all councillors, and particularly ward councillors, to be properly informed.			<p>be offered until the household can move into safe accommodation.</p> <p>5.1.1 Set up a task and finish group under the governance of the Domestic Abuse Strategy Group to agree future data monitoring across commissioned services, BCP Homes, BCP Council Housing, Adult Social Care and Children's Social Care.</p> <p>6. The Safe Accommodation Strategy will be submitted with a commissioning plan which will set out the procurement intentions for the next 3 years.</p>
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Recommendations from Committee – 14 May 2025 – No recommendations made at this meeting.

Recommendations from Committee – [9 July 2025](#)

17	Local Area Energy Plan	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p>1) The recommendation as outlined in the report be approved by Cabinet.</p> <p>2) Cabinet add as an external stakeholder, the community to be represented in all stakeholder engagement, including any panels, meetings or focus groups.</p>	Cabinet	Partially accepted	<p>Cabinet approved the recommendations in the report and so accepted recommendation 1 from O&S.</p> <p>Cabinet were silent on recommendation 2 from O&S – seek an update.</p>
18	Email and Document Storage Retention – Impact Analysis on Costs and Environmental Factors & Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED to cabinet that:</p> <p>as per Option (B), the Committee supports the continuation of activity already underway, as part of the Councils Data and Innovation Programme, to re-assess and profile Microsoft 365 end-user licensing requirements, moving colleagues to lower-costs licenses where appropriate.</p>	Cabinet	Unknown	<p>Cabinet did not address this recommendation at the meeting</p> <p>The committee may wish to seek an update on this recommendation response, although the recommendation itself shows support for continued work within the council and so would require noting by Cabinet and not consideration.</p>

Recommendations from Committee – 8 October 2025					
26	Plant-based and reduced meat and dairy diets: draft position statement and action plan	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>a) All mentions of the word vegan be replaced with Plant-Based throughout the paper.</p> <p>b) Switching the target from 20% for plant-based concessions to 25%.</p> <p>c) That Council adopt the position statements and strategy for plant based diets in BCP Council with the amendments above.</p>	<p>Received by Cabinet, 29 October 2025.</p> <p>Then deferred by Cabinet for consideration at 26 November 2025 meeting</p>	Unknown	Awaiting response from Portfolio Holder
Recommendations from Committee – 19 November 2025					
31	Waste Strategy for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council 2026-2036	<p>RESOLVED that the committee supported the recommendations as set out in the report to Cabinet including Option 1 regarding the removal of current separate kerbside battery collections but requested an additional point be included in respect of this option to read:</p> <p>(ii) and to develop a convenient battery recycling scheme with local businesses to create more easily accessible drop off points</p> <p>and in addition, requested the strategy at appendix 1 be amended to include the following: -</p> <p>(a) Paragraph 5.1 of Appendix 1 'A Waste Strategy for BCP Council 2026-2028' be amended to include <i>'and incineration'</i> so that the paragraph reads <i>'5.1 Tendering waste disposal contracts that embed the waste hierarchy and minimise the use of landfill and incineration'; and</i></p> <p>(b) Paragraph 5.3 of Appendix 1 'A Waste Strategy for BCP Council 2026-2028' be amended to include <i>'whilst also considering the carbon footprint of the type of disposal'</i> so that the paragraph reads <i>'5.3 Prioritising waste site proximity where possible, so waste travels only as far as it needs to and reduces the significant carbon impact of transporting waste whilst also considering the carbon footprint of the type of disposal'</i>.</p>	Cabinet 17 December 2025	Partially accepted	<p>Extract from Cabinet minutes:</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder thanked the Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their consideration of the report and their recommendations. In relation to this the Portfolio Holder advised that he felt the additional recommendation of (ii) was not necessary as people would be signposted to available organisations, and that this would include those who offered a postal collection of batteries which would assist those unable to access those in shops. In addition, the Portfolio Holder advised that any shops selling batteries were required to provide a collection of used batteries.</p> <p>Further to this the Portfolio Holder advised that the recommendations raised in relation to paragraph 5.1 and 5.3 would be included within the tendering priorities and that he was happy to accept both of those recommendations. The seconder advised that they were also content with these.</p>
Recommendations from Committee – 25 February 2026					

Recommendations from Committee – 20 May 2026					
Recommendations from Committee – 15 July 2026					
Recommendations from Committee – 9 September 2026					
Recommendations from Committee – 18 November 2026					
Recommendations from Committee – 24 February 2026					

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OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Minute number	Item	Action* <small>*Items remain until action completed.</small>	Benefit	Updates
No current agreed actions				

					<p>OFSTED had recommended that schools incorporate local safeguarding issues, such as knife crime, into their curriculum. There are current resources available for Personal, Social, Health, and Economic education, with additional materials being sourced from providers attending conferences. The Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People highlighted that he also found free resources online through organisations like the DfE.</p> <p>In response to the Cabinet recommendations around earlier age-appropriate education. There was a need to assess existing educational initiatives related to this at both primary and secondary levels regarding knife crime awareness.</p> <p>Advised of upcoming events including webinars and community events focused on knife crime and related issues.'</p>
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Recommendations from Committee – 19 September 2024 – No recommendations made at this meeting.

Recommendations from Committee – [26 November 2024](#)

36	Linwood Special School SEND Post 16 Provision at Ted Webster	<p>It was RESOLVED that Cabinet be recommended to approve (a) in the report: Cabinet approves the scheme to develop a satellite of Linwood School hosted at the former Ted Webster Children’s Centre providing a total of 60 Post 16 places including the associated capital investment necessary to develop the scheme as contained in Appendix 1 (Exempt). The scheme is fully funded from the council’s grant allocation of High Needs Provision Capital and will progress in line with the project programme set out at paragraph 12</p>	Cabinet, 10 December 2024	Accepted	Cabinet agreed to the recommendations in the report, as endorsed by O&S.
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Recommendations from Committee –28 January 2025 – No recommendations made at this meeting.

Recommendations from Committee – [11 March 2025](#)

69	SEND Improvement Update	It was Proposed, Seconded and RECOMMENDED to better assess the impact on children, young people and families of any potential budget overspend in the SEND service budget, the Committee recommends that Cabinet requests a report be provided to Cabinet by June 2025 which outlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the likely overspend in the budget which areas have been identified to overspend the options to ensure the budget limit is met an appraisal of the impact on children and families of these factors 	Cabinet, 2 April 2025	Accepted	Cabinet requested a report on 'SEND Budget Pressures' as recommended by the O&S committee. The report was considered by Cabinet at the 16 July 2025 meeting. Cabinet noted the report.
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Recommendations from Committee – [10 June 2025](#)

11	Youth Justice Service Plan 2025-26	RESOLVED that the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorse the Youth Justice Plan so that Cabinet can recommend its approval to the Full Council.	Cabinet, 26 November 2025	Accepted	Youth Justice Plan approved by Cabinet for recommendation to Council. Youth Justice Plan approved by Council.
12	Housing for Care Experienced Young People	It was Proposed, Seconded and RECOMMENDED that the Committee seeks assurance that the new Joint Housing protocol has been successfully agreed and is working effectively to ensure our Care Experienced Young People are seeing an improved service and are in receipt of timely advice and safe housing that suits their individual needs and hopes for the future.	Officers	Unknown, but Officers were in support of the recommendation in the meeting.	Seek update

Recommendations from Committee – [15 September 2025](#) - No recommendations made at this meeting.

Recommendations from Committee – 25 November 2025

9	Permanent Exclusions and Suspensions	Comment to Cabinet: The committee agreed to make Cabinet aware that the Committee appreciates the detrimental impact of school exclusions, which were highlighted in the report, and recognises the work that is underway to address this. The committee agreed that through this work the council's primary focus is improved outcomes for the children of BCP but that this work will also likely bring budgetary savings such as:	Cabinet, 26 November 2025	Not applicable	The Cabinet thanked the committee for its work on this. Note: the constitution requires no response from Cabinet to comments from O&S.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reduction in exclusions and associated costs (e.g. transport, AP placements, tribunal processes) • Improved outcomes for vulnerable pupils, reducing future demand on social care, youth justice, and post-16 support service • A reduction in the need for unregistered and costly AP as more needs are met by schools 			
10	Home to School Transport	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to endorse the recommendation within the report to Cabinet, this being that Cabinet:</p> <p>'Agree to tender an external provider to deliver a transformation project over three years with a total cost of £1.5 million funded by the flexible use of capital receipts to deliver service improvements and by the end of the project on-going savings in SEND school transport projected at £3 million (net of additional resource requirement)'</p>	Cabinet, 26 November 2025.	Accepted	<p>Report recommendations agreed by Cabinet for recommendation to Council.</p> <p>Report recommendations agreed by Council.</p>

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Recommendations from Committee – 27 January 2026

55	Invest to Save Budgets in the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)	<p>RESOLVED that the Committee agreed the following recommendations and that they be passed to Cabinet:</p> <p>a.) Note the current High Needs Block (HNB) position and the impact and cost avoidance of the initiatives implemented to date including the increased supply of specialist places, the early years inclusion model (Dingley's Promise) and the positive impact of the Portage Service.</p> <p>b.) Endorse the invest-to-save programme and the establishment of the High Needs Block Deficit Recovery Plan Board, including its role in approving a benefits-measurement framework to evidence cost avoidance and prevent double-counting across initiatives.</p> <p>c.) Support the progression of the following priority initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digitalisation of High Needs funding processes (integrated with the SCM upgrade) • Synergy Case Management (SCM) upgrade to go-live (target May–June 2026) 	Cabinet		
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-EHCP targeted funding model (subject to affordability and governance) 			
56	Family Hubs Working Group Final Report	<p>The Committee agreed the Working Group's recommendations to Officers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to build on the strong foundations of community engagement, with a focus on inclusivity and responsiveness. Explore ways to support staff wellbeing that are informed by staff experiences and feedback. Develop clear measures of effectiveness relating to Family Hubs, with key performance indicators focused on reach, inclusivity and responsiveness to evolving community needs, supported by improved data collection and feedback. 	Officers		
56	Family Hubs Working Group Final Report	<p>The Committee agreed to make Cabinet aware that the Working Group recommended Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the scrutiny that has been undertaken on Family Hubs and the Working Group's finding of the strong staff commitment to community engagement. Endorses continued support for Family Hubs, with future priorities to include investment in staff capacity, professional development and enhanced tools to evidence impact. 	Cabinet		
Recommendations from Committee – 10 March 2026					
Recommendations from Committee – 26 March 2026					
Recommendations from Committee – 16 June 2026					
Recommendations from Committee – 14 September 2026					

Recommendations from Committee – 24 November 2026					
Recommendations from Committee – 26 January 2027					
Recommendations from Committee – 9 March 2027					

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Minute number	Item	Action* *Items remain until action completed.	Benefit	Updates
11 March 2025				
69	SEND Improvement Update SEND Improvement Update.pdf	Decision made: The officers agreed to share the full review of the DSG finances as well as the SEND improvement board's response to the review. Action – Officers aware The Committee requested an update on the ongoing work regarding education outside of school and home education and asked that it be shared with the Committee. Action – Officers aware		
15 September 2025				
25	Alternative Provision Improvement Plan Alternative Provision Improvement Plan Final.pdf	Decision Made: The Committee discussed the routes into AP, including exclusions and EHCPs, and officers agreed to provide further data on this breakdown. Action – Officers aware		To be incorporated into new SEND/AP Strategy
27 January 2026				
51	Recommendation Tracker	Members agreed to review the tracker in more depth around June 2026. Action – Committee aware		
53	Members of Youth Parliament Update	The mental health training video would be shared with Members when available, and officers would confirm whether it would be appropriate to present the video at a future Committee meeting or to circulate it outside the meeting. Action – Officers aware		

Minute number	Item	Action* *Items remain until action completed.	Benefit	Updates
54	<u>Housing for Care Experienced Young People</u>	The Committee was advised that Youth Homelessness Board data is reported regularly, and it was agreed that officers would provide the Committee with a summary of these metrics, including information on repeat homelessness and outcomes for care experienced young people. Action – Officers aware		
55	<u>Invest to Save Budgets in the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)</u>	Officers agreed to circulate information on the Portage service to Members and, if helpful, arrange a short briefing session on the service. Action – Officers aware		

HEALTH & ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

UPDATED: 20.2.26

Minute number	Item	Recommendation made <small>*items remain for monitoring until implementation is complete or committee agree to remove.</small>	Recommended to <small>*name of receiving body/ Officer, and date received</small>	Outcome <small>*accepted/ partially accepted/ rejected/ unknown.</small>	Implementation updates
Recommendations from Committee meeting – 20 May 2024					
11	Data Working Group Final Report	<p>The Committee recommend to the O&S Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that a similar [data] toolkit be developed for all O&S committees to reflect the relevant data and policy landscape within the remit of these committees. This to be added to the O&S Action Plan. that the Data Use Toolkit be highlighted within the O&S annual report to Council. 	Overview and Scrutiny Board (16 July 2024).	Recommendations accepted.	<p>Toolkit development for all O&S committees has been added to the O&S Action Plan.</p> <p>Toolkit for the Children’s O&S Committee is near completion. All others are yet to start and will be developed when resources allow.</p> <p>The Data Use Toolkit was highlighted within the 2023/24 O&S annual report to Council. (Update by O&S Specialist, 24/4/25)</p>
Recommendations from Committee meeting – 15 July 2024					
21	Adult Social Care Business Transformation Case	<p>The Committee recommend that Cabinet recommends that Council:</p> <p>a) Approves the business case for a new adult social care transformation delivery model to improve outcomes for residents and to achieve financial efficiencies and savings enabled by investment.</p> <p>b) Agrees to the establishment of a formal transformation programme; ‘Fulfilled Lives’.</p> <p>c) Agrees to the proposed investment of £2.9M, with Corporate Management Board being provided 6-monthly stage reviews on</p>	Cabinet (17 July 24) and Council (23 July 24)	Recommendations partially accepted at both Cabinet and Council	<p>The final decision of Council was different from the committee recommendation as follows:</p> <p>Resolved that Council:</p> <p>(a) Approves in principle the business case for a new adult social care transformation delivery model to improve outcomes for residents and to achieve financial efficiencies and savings enabled by investment of up to 2.9M;</p> <p>(b) Agrees to the establishment of a formal transformation programme; ‘Fulfilled Lives’;</p> <p>(c) Agrees to an initial 12-month investment of 1.79M, with an interim report to Cabinet on progress of the design phase in January</p>

		<p>the progress of the transformation programme.</p> <p>d) Invites the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide regular scrutiny of progress towards benefits and sustainable change. In particular, the Committee be invited to review the progress against the four priority areas of the Fulfilled Lives programme and the risks and opportunities of data with ASC transformation</p>			<p>2025 and a full report by July 2025, with recommendations for further investment; and</p> <p>(d) Invites the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide regular scrutiny of progress towards benefits and sustainable change. In particular the Committee be invited to review the progress against the four priority areas of the Fulfilled Lives programme and the risks and opportunities of data with ASC transformation.</p> <p>Implementation update required on a)-c) above.</p> <p>Implementation update on d) above:</p> <p>The Health & ASC O&S Committee now receives regular reports on the Fulfilled Lives programme to provide opportunity for ongoing scrutiny of the transformation delivery. (Update by O&S Specialist, 24/4/25)</p>
<p>Recommendations from Committee meeting – 24 September 2024 – No recommendations made at this meeting.</p>					
<p>Recommendations from Committee meeting – 2 December 2024</p>					
46	Health and Social Care for the Homeless	<p>The Committee recommend that Cabinet:</p> <p>Discuss the issues caused by a lack of funding for rough sleepers with no local connection and those without an identified priority need with a view to developing solutions in partnership with other local authorities and key stakeholders such as the Integrated Care Board and relevant ministers to create a robust system that does not fail our most vulnerable or unfairly place the responsibility for caring for these people on local particular local authorities, with a view to getting something in place before the new strategy.</p>	Cabinet (10 December 2024)	Acceptance unknown – recommendation received by Cabinet with advice that it would be considered at a future meeting of the Cabinet.	Cllr Kieron Wilson is responding by email to this recommendation.

47	Transforming Urgent and Emergency Care Services	<p>The Committee recommend that Cabinet recommends to Council:</p> <p>a) Notes the summary of the diagnostic review, including improved outcomes for residents and financial benefits for the Council.</p> <p>b) Notes that under the draft Partnership Agreement with Dorset health and care partners, anticipated benefits are significantly in excess of costs to the Council.</p> <p>c) Delegates to the Corporate Director for Wellbeing, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, the Director of Law and Governance and the Director of Finance, authority to enter into the Partnership Agreement to undertake the proposed transformation programme.</p>	Cabinet (10 December 2024) and Council (10 December 2024)	Recommendations accepted at both Cabinet and Council	
Recommendations from Committee meeting – 3 March 2025					
61	Adult Social Care Strategy 2025-28	<p>The Committee recommend to Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the inclusion of some clear targets ideally linked to the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF) within the Adult Social Care Strategy; and the inclusion of an overview of how to better integrate performance and activity data with finance data in the Adult Social Care Strategy. 	Cabinet (2 April 2025)	Response unknown – recommendations 'welcomed' by Cabinet but no clear response given.	<p>The final decision of Cabinet did not reflect the recommendations made by the committee, and was as follows:</p> <p>'Resolved that the new ASC Strategy 2025-28 is linked to the Corporate Vision and supports corporate priorities under 'Our People and Communities.'</p> <p>Update required. Committee may wish to seek a response from relevant Portfolio Holder back into committee.</p>
Recommendations from Committee meeting – 19 May 2025 No recommendations made at this meeting.					
Recommendations from Committee meeting – 14 July 2025					

20	Adult Social Care Fulfilled Lives Transformation Programme	The HASC O&S Committee: 1. Supports the recommendation to Cabinet that Council approves the request for the release of the remaining £1.11m funding that was previously agreed to allow the Fulfilled Lives Programme to reach completion and realisation of the benefits; and 2. Continues to monitor this four-year programme in particular around self-directed support and support at home that will enable people to stay independent.	Cabinet 26 July 2025	Accepted	Cabinet and Council approved the release of the remaining £1.1m as outlined at part 1 of the recommendation.
Recommendations from Committee meeting – 23 September 2025					
30	Get Dorset & BCP Working Plan - GD&BCPWP	The Committee RECOMMENDS that: 1) The recommendations as outlined in the report be approved by Cabinet. 2) That Cabinet agree for the Get Dorset & BCP Working Plan to return to an Overview and Scrutiny Committee at an appropriate stage for further scrutiny, to enable Members to review its delivery, assess its impact in supporting individuals to return to work, and consider whether intended outcomes are being achieved.	Cabinet 1 October 2025	Accepted	Report recommendations agreed by Council.
Recommendations from Committee meeting – 1 December 2025					
44	FutureCare Programme – Mid Programme Review	RESOLVED that the Committee requests the programme return to its next meeting on 2 March 2026 with detailed financial and impact data to scrutinise.	Officers	Accepted	Coming back to Committee on 2 March with further information requested.
Recommendations from Committee meeting – 2 March 2026					

Recommendations from Committee meeting – 19 May 2026

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Recommendations from Committee meeting – 22 September 2026

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OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

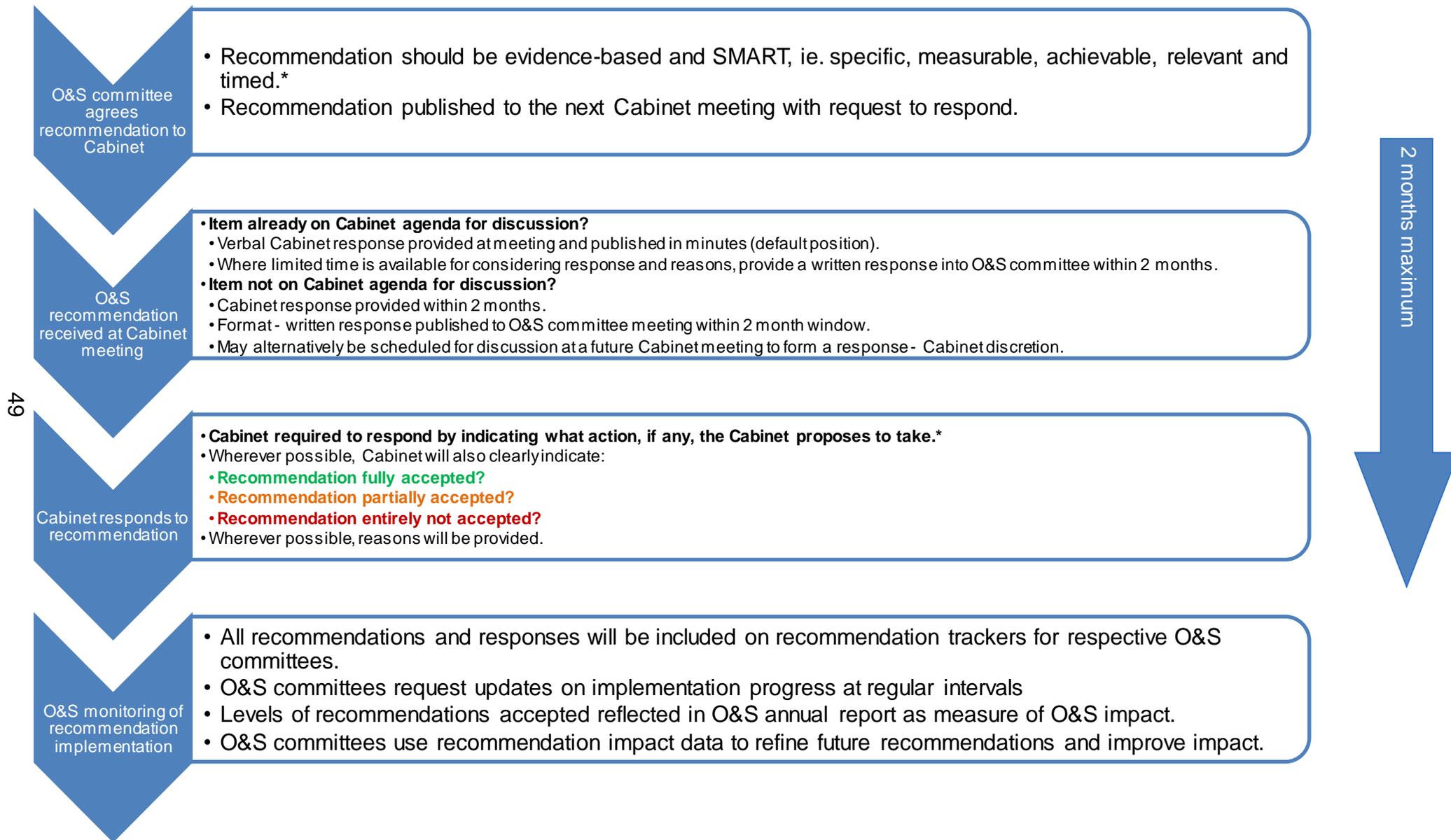
Minute number	Item	Action* *Items remain until action completed.	Benefit	Updates
Actions arising from Committee meeting – 25 September 2023				
20	National Suicide Prevention Strategy	Decision Made: The Board was advised that Public Health was unsure of the amount which would be allocated to the BCP area, as the closing dates for bids had not yet happened, however bids were being worked on and once any funding was known, the Committee could be informed. Action – Public Health aware		
Actions arising from Committee meeting – 15 July 24				
46	Adult Social Care Transformation Business Case	Decision Made: That key risks and Key Performance Indicators be included in future reports regarding the Transformation Programme Action – Officers aware	To enable the Committee to have this information when scrutinising	
Actions arising from Committee meeting – 24 September 24				
34.	Adult Social Care Budget Presentation	Decision made: In response to a query regarding the activities and outcomes of the Live Well Dorset programme, the Committee was advised that it had managed to reach those living in the most deprived areas of BCP and that access could potentially be provided to the dashboard for the Committee to see the output. Action: to be considered further		
Actions arising from Committee meeting – 3 March 25				

Minute number	Item	Action* *Items remain until action completed.	Benefit	Updates
59.	The Transformation of UHD Hospitals	Decision Made: That the Director of Adult Social Care be the contact for any Cllrs wishing to visit the new facilities ACTION – Director and Cllrs aware.		
64.	Work Plan	Decision Made: As requested by the Overview and Scrutiny Board, the Committee will monitor the proposed increase of block booked beds for long-term care and that an update on progress against this be provided at an appropriate time. ACTION – added to the work plan with no date yet identified.		An update requested under budget presentation in September 2025
Actions arising from Committee meeting – 19 May 25				
11	FutureCare Programme Update	Decision Made: That the Committee receive data regarding bed capacity and workforce numbers at an appropriate time. Action – Officers aware Decision Made: That the Committee receive data around benefits tracking and monitoring to be reported to a meeting at a future date. Action – Officers aware and added to the work plan Decision Made: That the Committee receive further information regarding capacity within secondary care to fulfil the future need. Action – Officers aware		
Actions arising from Committee meeting – 14 July 25				
20.	Adult Social Care Fulfilled Lives Transformation Programme	Decision Made: That the Committee receive quantitative data about the impact in future reports.		

Minute number	Item	Action* *Items remain until action completed.	Benefit	Updates
		Action – Officers aware		
Actions arising from Committee meeting – 23 September 25				
31.	Tricuro: Business Plan Review and Objectives 2025-26	<p>Decision Made: The Committee requested data on service capacity, particularly at the Moordown centre. Officers confirmed that capacity data is available via dashboards and would be circulated to the Committee.</p> <p>Action – Officers aware</p> <p>Decision made: The Committee was advised of the officer's commitment to ongoing engagement and agreed that progress updates should be provided between formal planning cycles to support continued collaboration and oversight</p> <p>Action – Officers aware</p>		
Actions arising from Committee meeting – 1 December 2025				
44.	FutureCare Programme – Mid Programme Review	<p>Decision Made: The importance of tracking savings through to tangible outcomes, such as reduced home care hours and improved reablement was highlighted, and the Chair requested detailed data analysis at a future meeting.</p> <p>Action – added to work plan for 2 March 2026</p>	To enable the Committee to fully scrutinise the impact of the programme in terms of tangible outcomes and savings	Coming back to Committee on 2 March 2026.
45.	Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs) Update	<p>Decision Made: The Committee requested the programme Diis dashboard be shared with them to consider further.</p> <p>Action – Officers aware.</p>		

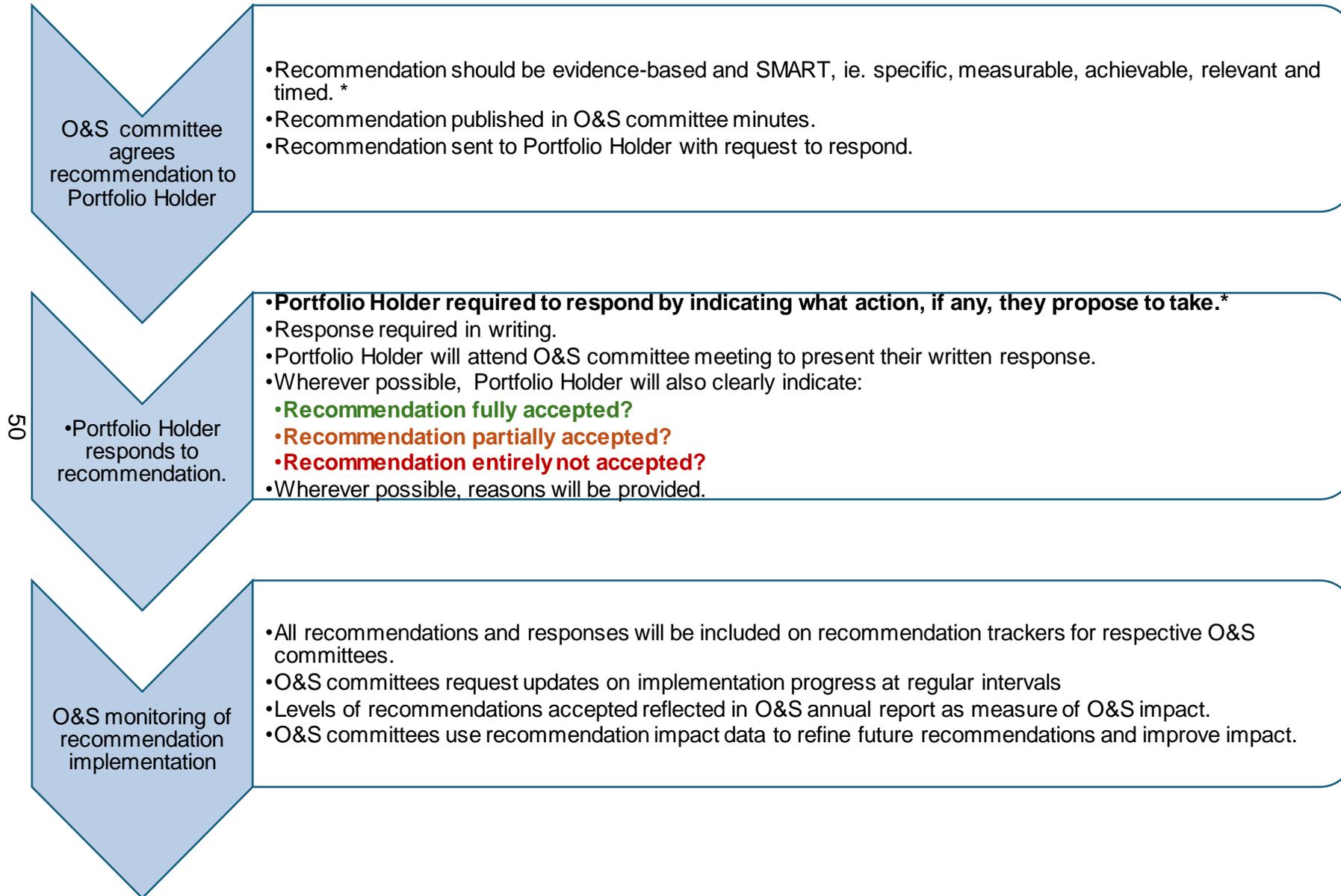
O&S Recommendations / Executive response process

Cabinet process:



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Portfolio Holder process



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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD



Report subject	<u>Key Lines Of Enquiry (KLOE) relating to parking pressure in high season</u>
Meeting date	23 March 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	Response to questions raised by the Key Lines Of Enquiry (KLOE) relating to parking related items across the BCP Council area
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that: The content of this report is noted by Overview & Scrutiny Board
Reason for recommendations	This report is for information only and so no recommendations are included.
Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Richard Herrett, Cabinet Member for Destination, Leisure and Commercial Operations Councillor Andy Hadley, Cabinet Member for Climate Response, Environment and Energy
Corporate Directors	Glynn Barton, Chief Operations Officer
Report Authors	Richard Pincroft, Head of Transportation Including Sustainability Transport Alexis Edwards, Transport Development Management & Policy Manager Helen Taverner, Head of Parking Operations and Enforcement
Wards	Not applicable
Classification	For Information

Background

1. Following a motion considered at Full Council in July (agreed in the September adjourned meeting) a request to the Overview and Scrutiny Board was registered regarding parking in response to high visitor numbers in the summer. The following

key lines of enquiry (KLOE) were subsequently captured and communicated to officers for a response:

- a. What were the responses from the public consultation on parking zones?
 - b. What work has been done to assess the viability of a park and ride scheme?
 - c. What parking restrictions could be imposed to limit overnight parking in areas like Boscombe Overcliff?
 - d. Can we undertake an assessment of vacant and underused council-owned land?
 - e. What further measures can be introduced against illegal and antisocial parking?
 - f. Can increased signage be introduced to direct visitors away from congested roads?
 - g. What is the BCP strategy to tackle seasonal parking pressures?
2. There was also a request as part of the KLOE for data and information as below:
- a. The results of the public consultation
 - b. The data from the government trial on parking fines
 - c. Current and projected income from parking enforcement.

Officer responses to each element of the KLOE Appraisal

Public consultation on Parking zones

3. The public consultation on proposals to introduce paid for parking on some roads near our seafront ran from 24 June 2025 to 1 August 2025.
4. In total 7,656 valid responses were received.
5. Due to the volume of responses external support was sourced to review and analyse the responses.
6. The analysis is not yet complete and therefore cannot be shared at this time.

Viability of park and ride scheme

7. The provision of Park and Ride in the BCP context remains a challenging one due to the conurbation's particular physical characteristics, namely the lack of a single core destination, and relatively high levels of affordable parking provision. This is a fundamental difference between BCP and cities where Park and Ride is particularly successful, for example in Oxford which in-effect has a 1km² destination at its centre as opposed to multiple centres and 12+miles of beach plus more within the natural harbours.
8. Technical work was undertaken in 2019 to assess the viability of Park and Ride and this concluded that it was unlikely to be viable without significant annual subsidy.

Since then, further work has been undertaken to review this position, and this has found that the conclusions remain valid post-Covid.

9. A seasonal Park and Ride was trialled at both Kings Park (serving Boscombe) and Poole Civic (serving Sandbanks) as mitigation measures to manage congestion and inconsiderate and illegal parking along the seafront in the summer peak period. However, the trial found that demand for such an offer was relatively low, weather dependent and unlikely to be viable without significantly strengthened restrictions, tariffs and enforcement. Both sites operated at a loss and were/are therefore considered unviable.
10. There continues to be potential for specific event-based Park and Ride to support major events.

What parking restrictions could be imposed to limit overnight parking in areas like Boscombe Overcliff?

11. Additional parking restrictions could be introduced by means of new or amended Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs). TROs are statutory instruments that place restrictions on the highway. Any new restrictions would require additional Civil Enforcement Officers to ensure compliance.
12. Parking restrictions could be introduced in Boscombe Overcliff, or similar locations, however, such controls unless accompanied by a wider package of restrictions in adjacent streets would simply result in displacement into them. In the instance of Boscombe Overcliff the nearby streets that overnight parking would be displaced into would include for example Dingle Road, Montague Road, Portman Crescent, Ravine Road etc., which are arguably more residential in nature than the Overcliff. This is why the public consultation on parking zones was across a larger area and not just the roads directly at the seafront.
13. An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order which can be implemented within weeks could be utilised to trial a restriction in a "live" situation for up to 18 months, with the consultation period running alongside the trial. An ETRO is flexible as it allows for immediate feedback and minor changes within the first 6 months, if changes were made, the 6-month consultation period would start again. A decision on making the scheme permanent or removing it would need to be taken within 18 months of the ETRO first coming into force and after a minimum of 6 months following the start of the trial.
14. In the instance of Boscombe Overcliff an ETRO could be utilised to restrict parking on the inland side of it to 'cars and motorcycles only' (this restriction is currently in place on the seaward side of the Overcliff), however, as per above, the same restriction would also need to be implemented in the adjacent roads/streets to prevent displacement. If this were to be progressed, then the recommendation would be for this to be implemented on all roads south of Wentworth Avenue.
15. NOTE: in 'cars and motorcycles only' bays any vehicle designed or adapted for sleeping purposes (campervan or motorhome) can be enforced against by the issuing of a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN), however, any vehicle that has not been designed or adapted for sleeping purposes but that can carry up to 7 passengers (and that does not exceed 3050kg in weight) or a vehicle that can carry goods (a van) up to 3500kg in weight is still permitted to park there.

16. This means for example VW Transporter (2600kg to 3200kg)/Ford Transit (2600kg) vans would still be able to park in these bays provided they have not been adapted for sleeping purposes. If a Civil Enforcement Officer (CEO) can take photographs confirming the vehicle has been adapted for sleeping purposes, then a PCN can be issued, this can however, be challenging because unless CEOs can see within vehicles they cannot tell if a vehicle has been adapted. There are also some visitors that use smaller vehicles to sleep in overnight which is also be challenging to enforce against.
17. If these restrictions are implemented, then larger motorhomes would be unable to park here and need to find somewhere else to park without the restriction(s) in place.
18. An alternative option would be to introduce a period of no parking during the overnight period, between agreed hours in the seafront areas. For example, no parking between midnight and 5am. This type of restriction is however, challenging to enforce because it would require overnight CEO patrols. Furthermore, it would also require residents to comply with the restrictions unless a resident's parking zone is implemented.
19. There will be some recommendations because of the seafront paid for parking consultation, these are still emerging.
20. For awareness the council in 2023 also introduced a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which covers the Boscombe Overcliff and enables the council to enforce against the following:
 - Section 1 – Anti-social Behaviour
 - Section 2 – Reducing the volume of music when asked to do so by an authorised officer
 - Section 3 – Urination and defecation
 - Section 4 – Lighting any fires and BBQs

Assessment of vacant and underused council-owned land

21. Members raised the issue of vacant and underused sites as part of housing motion to Council last Summer and resolved to undertake an “urgent audit of all vacant or stalled development sites across BCP”.
22. Typically, land is vacant until viable to develop, with some sites being cleared to minimise maintenance costs and risks. The majority of vacant sites are subject to planning activity i.e., have an undeveloped permission, and some vacant sites are already allocated for development in an existing Local Plan.
23. In respect to knowing the status of a site, each year the council produces an annual housing monitoring report which records the status of all sites with planning permission and whether or not, these are complete, under construction or not started. In addition, as part of the Local Plan preparation the Council also compile a record of potentially available housing sites (those capable of delivering more than 15 homes) in its Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment. This includes a number of vacant sites both Council and private. Further information on Council owned sites will be held by the Estates Team.

Further measures can be introduced against illegal and antisocial parking

24. Additional measures such as:
 - a. increased use of tow-away capabilities – although this comes at a significant cost to the Council (see increased PCN levels)
 - b. increased CEO patrols including alterations to timings of patrols – this is already under review with ongoing dynamic intervention
 - c. adjustments to traffic orders, which requires statutory consultation
 - d. CCTV enforcement of moving traffic contraventions – there is a project underway to review this implementation following the relevant powers being granted to the Council
 - e. more joint working with Dorset Police to increase awareness to reduce instances of illegal and antisocial parking.

25. Increased PCN levels - The Department for Transport (DfT) authorised a trial issue of Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's), and associated additional charges, at a higher rate in the area of shown in Diagram 1 below between 1 August 2025 and 31 August 2025. The full report can be found here [Trial for increased parking fines and penalty charge notices \(PCN\) | BCP](#)

Diagram 1 – PCN trial area



26. Total PCNs in the trial area fell compared to August 2024, reversing the previous year's sharp increase. Forecast models predicted a rise without the trial, meaning the actual outcome represents a headline 16% reversal from expected growth. The PCN data is set out in Table 1.

Table 1 - PCN Amounts During the Trial Period

Item	Lower		Higher	
	Current	Trial	Current	Trial
PCN Amount	£50	£110	£70	£160
Discounted Amount	£25	£55	£35	£80
Charge Certificate	£75	£165	£105	£240

Debt Registered Stage	£85	£175	£115	£25
Additional Parking Charge	Current		Trial	
Release from Wheel Clamp	N/A		£100	
Release from Car Pound	£105		£280	
Storage Fee (per day)	£12		£55	
Disposal Fee	£50		£100	

27. There are limitations given the short duration of the trial, very constrained preparation time and other variable but it represents a positive indication of the impact of increasing financial penalties as a deterrent to illegal parking. In comparison Christchurch saw an increase in serious contraventions during the same period, reinforcing that standard PCN levels remain ineffective as a deterrent.
28. Behavioural displacement occurred with some motorists shifted from high-risk on-street contraventions to lower-level breaches in car parks.
29. Persistent issues during peak demand (e.g., Bank Holidays) suggest that financial deterrents alone cannot fully mitigate extreme visitor pressure; capacity management and dynamic pricing may be required.
30. No evidence of reduced visitor numbers or negative economic impact was found, supporting the feasibility of adopting higher PCN levels permanently

Increasing signage to direct visitors away from congested roads

31. The council already utilises a suite of Variable Message Signs (VMS) and static signs to highlight to visitors which car parks should be utilised on busy days and to reinforce that illegal parking shall not be tolerated and combated with towaway.
32. The VMS on any anticipated busy day are set from the outset to direct visitors arriving by car to head straight to Avenue Road and Richmond Hill Multi-storey car parks (MSCPs) as opposed to the beach/seafront car parks. The rationale for this is to try and spread the load by encouraging more people to utilise these car parks which have both been proven to have capacity on the busiest of days.
33. The VMS are also utilised dynamically to advise visitors to avoid areas when busy and/or when live incidents are happening, for example fires at Studland, collisions, emergency utility works etc.
34. When visitors queue for full car parks, CSAS (Traffic) Officers direct them away and postcodes are displayed informing visitors where to travel to find available parking.
35. In advance of high season, the traffic team reviews the signage to ensure that it is all in place and operational. This includes signage to highlight very clearly to visitors that inconsiderate parking will not be tolerated and that if they do so they will be towed away.
36. More signage could be added but is not considered necessary and would just create more clutter. It is also not practical to have Variable Message Signs (VMS) at the end of every seafront road. They are expensive to install and maintain. At some point as technology continues to evolve, they will become redundant as in vehicle technology takes over.

Tackling seasonal parking pressures

37. The strategy to tackle seasonal parking pressures is to increase CEO patrols of key locations, deploy CSAS (Traffic) officers to manage car park entrances on predicted high visitor days, continue to operate the tow-away policy to ensure free flowing traffic, provide officer presence within the Traffic Control Centre to direct resources and support interventions with the police as they develop, work with National Highways to broadcast VMS messages on the Strategic Road Network to visitors before they arrive in BCP. There is also wider work being undertaken more locally to make walking, cycling and using public transport more easy and accessible to reduce locally generated congestion where practicable. This is in addition to lobbying government to increase the PCN levels in line with the recent trial.

Parking Strategy

38. A key element of the emerging BCP Local Transport Plan will be the development of a Parking Strategy. It is a deliverable listed in the implementation plan element of the LTP. Parking is central to lots of council priorities - health, economic growth, housing delivery, carbon reduction etc and therefore, a coordinated and refreshed approach is needed to look at parking issues in the round and set out a clear strategy for how parking will be managed.
- The Parking Strategy will outline the council's comprehensive policies and plans for parking. The key themes of the proposed Parking Strategy are referenced in the draft LTP Implementation Plan. These include: Review of capacity and location of council owned car parks
 - Review of strategic approach of council owned car parks, tariffs and products
 - Use of data and technology to improve information to users supporting network management
 - Review of Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) and Residential Parking Zones (RPZ)
 - Exploration of opportunities for rail and bus park and ride

Current and Projected Income from Parking Enforcement

39. The PCN income for the last (2024/25 actual), current (2025/26 forecast) and next (2026/27 projected) financial year is provided below:

Year	PCN Income	Notes
2024/25	£ 2,830,622.28	Actual
2025/26	£ 2,841,300.00	Forecast
2026/27	£ 2,898,126.00	Projection

40. It is noteworthy that PCN income cannot be compared to the PCN's issued in the same year as it can take many months to recover the money owed. The tables below show the monthly number of PCN's issued alongside the income recovered for PCN's issued that month and the payments received regardless of issue date for 2024/25. The average value of a PCN is also included and uses the actual recovery rate for PCN's issued that month for the calculation. It is still possible that the amounts will increase as PCN cases conclude and/or debt is recovered.

Month	PCNs Issued	% of annual PCN total	Amount recovered for PCNs issued in that month	% of annual PCN income total	average PCN £	Payments received for PCNs (regardless of Issue Date)
Apr-24	9,033	9.73%	£264,929.74	9.63%	£ 29.33	£254,493.72
May-24	9,272	9.98%	£270,219.44	9.82%	£ 29.14	£261,213.20
Jun-24	8,797	9.47%	£247,208.66	8.98%	£ 28.10	£252,451.68
Jul-24	9,214	9.92%	£261,971.99	9.52%	£ 28.43	£259,436.12
Aug-24	10,718	11.54%	£311,970.36	11.34%	£ 29.11	£283,580.42
Sep-24	7,025	7.56%	£209,459.47	7.61%	£ 29.82	£241,661.25
Oct-24	7,580	8.16%	£229,138.38	8.33%	£ 30.23	£253,987.80
Nov-24	6,606	7.11%	£202,768.74	7.37%	£ 30.69	£221,037.02
Dec-24	5,569	6.00%	£174,687.51	6.35%	£ 31.37	£192,286.95
Jan-25	5,990	6.45%	£183,187.79	6.66%	£ 30.58	£201,281.59
Feb-25	6,147	6.62%	£190,018.20	6.90%	£ 30.91	£190,588.73
Mar-25	6,923	7.45%	£206,576.21	7.51%	£ 29.84	£218,603.80
Total	92,874		£2,752,136.49		£ 29.63	£2,830,622.28

41. Any surplus income generated from fines, must be spent in accordance with Section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
42. Surplus income, should there be any, will need to cover all costs related to enforcement and running the Parking Service. This includes the administration staff involved in collecting the fines, maintenance of equipment and the associated signs and markings together with energy, data and software costs.. Any surplus remaining after deduction of costs may go towards improving parking places, supporting public passenger transport, highway improvement schemes (not general maintenance), and environmental improvements.
43. The regulations do not permit surplus income generated from fines (PCN's) to be used to fund general council activities, nor can enforcement be used to deliberately raise revenue – the aim of enforcement is compliance.
44. In relation to forecasting and estimating income from PCN's within Traffic Management Act 2004: statutory guidance for local authorities outside London it states that:
 - a. *For good governance, enforcement authorities need to forecast revenue in advance. But raising revenue should not be an objective of civil enforcement, nor should authorities set targets for revenue or the number of PCNs they issue.*
 - b. *Enforcement authorities should run their enforcement operations efficiently, effectively, and economically. The purpose of penalty charges is to dissuade motorists from breaking traffic restrictions. The objective of civil enforcement should be for 100% compliance, with no penalty charges.*

Summary of financial implications

45. Not Applicable – this report is for information only

Summary of legal implications

46. Not Applicable – this report is for information only

Summary of human resources implications

47. Not Applicable – this report is for information only

Summary of sustainability impact

48. Not Applicable – this report is for information only

Summary of public health implications

49. Not Applicable – this report is for information only

Summary of equality implications

50. Not Applicable – this report is for information only

Summary of risk assessment

51. Not Applicable – this report is for information only

Background papers

BCP PSPO - [Coastal Area Public Spaces Protection Order \(PSPO\) | BCP](#)

Local Transport Plan - [Joint BCP-Dorset Local Transport Plan 2026 to 2041](#)

Appendices

- a. [Trial for increased parking fines and penalty charge notices \(PCN\) | BCP](#)

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD



Report subject	Work Plan
Meeting date	23 March 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	The Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Board is asked to consider and identify work priorities for publication in a Work Plan.
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p>the Overview and Scrutiny Board consider and confirm the refreshed Work Plan priorities set out within this report at paragraph 18.</p>
Reason for recommendations	The Council's Constitution requires all Overview and Scrutiny Committees to set out proposed work in a Work Plan which will be published with each agenda.
Portfolio Holder(s):	N/A – Overview and Scrutiny is a non-executive function
Corporate Director	Aidan Dunn, Chief Executive
Report Authors	Lindsay Marshall, Overview and Scrutiny Specialist
Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Decision

Work Plan updates

1. This report provides the latest version of the Committee's Work Plan at Appendix A and guidance on how to populate and review the Work Plan in line with the Council's Constitution. For the purposes of this report, all references to Overview and Scrutiny Committees shall also apply to the Overview and Scrutiny Board unless otherwise stated.
2. Items added to the Work Plan since the last publication are highlighted as **'NEW'**. Councillors are asked to consider and confirm the latest Work Plan, subject to any updates agreed at the meeting.
3. The most recent [Cabinet Forward Plan](#) can be viewed on the council's website. This link is included in each O&S Work Plan report for councillors to view and refer to

when considering whether any items of pre-decision scrutiny will join the O&S Committee Work Plan.

Resources to support O&S Work

4. The Constitution requires that O&S committees take account of the resources available to support proposals for O&S work. Advice on maximising the resource available to O&S Committees is set out in the O&S Work Planning Guidance document referenced below. Resources available for 2026/27 O&S Board scrutiny are set out in detail at paragraph 16 below.

Work programming guidance and tools

5. The [Overview and Scrutiny Committees Terms of Reference](#) document provides detail on the principles of scrutiny at BCP Council, the membership, functions and remit of each O&S committee and the variety of working methods available.
6. [The O&S Work Planning Guidance](#) document provides detail on all aspects of work planning including how to determine requests for scrutiny in line with the Council's constitution.
7. The [O&S Framework for scrutiny topic selection](#) was drawn up by O&S councillors in conjunction with the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny. The framework provides detail on the criteria for proactive, reactive and pre-decision scrutiny topics, and guidance on how these can be selected to contribute to value-added scrutiny outcomes.
8. The '[Request for consideration of an issue by Overview and Scrutiny](#)' form is an example form to be used by councillors and residents when making a new suggestion for a scrutiny topic. Word copies of the form are available from Democratic Services upon request by using the contact details on this agenda.
9. Performance information: progress against the council's Corporate Strategy can be viewed on the council's [Performance Dashboard](#). The dashboard includes ratings to show where the council is on target, areas for monitoring or where action is required, and explanations. The dashboard includes measures relevant to all O&S committees and is provided to assist committees in their horizon scanning and work selection process.
10. The Overview and Scrutiny Board has utilised a structured [Decision Matrix](#) as part of the process for prioritising work plan items. Evaluating suggested topics on the following measures: resident impact, urgency, influence and the value scrutiny could add.

Work Programming 2026-27

Methodology

11. In early 2026, potential topics for all O&S Committees (including O&S Board) were sourced from a range of stakeholders in a desktop exercise. Topics were received from councillors, officers, Cabinet members and partners of the council. O&S councillors were supported to review these topics in a workshop on 2 February 2026, with a view to determining their priorities for the next municipal year using an evidence-led approach. Councillors evaluated the list of potential topics using a structured matrix assessing resident impact, urgency, influence and the value scrutiny could add.
12. Across breakout groups, councillors scored and discussed each topic, identifying several high-priority areas—including the BCP Local Plan, Planning and Development Management, Regeneration (with an emphasis on major sites such as Carter's Quay and the Winter Gardens), Residents' Parking, and Bournemouth

Town Centre progress. Items which could be dealt with through briefings or with alternative scrutiny methods were also considered.

13. The workshop also generated practical recommendations, such as combining related items, scheduling pre-decision scrutiny where appropriate, briefings before deeper scrutiny, and ensuring flexibility in the future work programme to respond to arising issues.
14. The Board also agreed to update its scrutiny lens to “Resident Impact, Experience and Empowerment,” reinforcing the focus on issues most affecting local communities.
15. Documented workshop outcomes were shared to all Board members after the workshop and can serve as a reference for the Board when considering future scrutiny requests that may arise through the year.

Scrutiny resources available in 2026/27

16. When considering topic priorities, O&S members assessed these against a good practice approach of allocating 1 hour of scrutiny per topic for sufficient depth and effectiveness of inquiry, and 2/3 hours of scrutiny per committee. On this basis, **the illustrative resource capacity for the O&S Board for 2026/27 is:**

- 12 hours - pre-decision (scrutiny of Cabinet reports)
- 15 hours – proactive scrutiny (topics requested by O&S)
- 4 hours – reactive scrutiny topics (those that are unplanned and urgent)
- 4 hours – briefings (information giving sessions between meetings)

PLUS

- Approximately 1 working group (priority order of all working groups to be determined by O&S Chairs / Vice Chairs group)
- Unlimited rapporteurs (member-led independent work)
- Unlimited info only reports

Shortlisted Topics for 2026/27

17. Following the workshop the Chair and Vice-Chair worked with officers to evaluate workshop outcomes against 2026/27 resource capacity. Taken into consideration was the overall scoring matrix, ‘burning’ topics raised by individual councillors, and those items where one or more groups did not feel scrutiny could add value. The topic suggestion of Licensing is not included in the following table but the Chair agreed to look into this further to ascertain if it would add further value and a decision on this would be made once this work is undertaken.
18. The below table of topic priorities is suggested by the Chair and Vice Chair for Board consideration and approval. Many of the topics included in the work programme require further guidance from lead officers on suitable timing and so scrutiny ‘slots’ have been reserved for these with dates tbc. The attached work plan document is in draft to reflect this and will be developed further as information is gathered from officers. **The Board is asked to consider the below table and confirm its scrutiny priorities for 2026/27:**

Topic	Scrutiny slots allocated (approx. 1 hour per slot and max. 3 slots per Board meeting)				
	Pre-decision (Cabinet reports) & statutory Scrutiny	Proactive	Reactive	Briefing/info only report	Notes
Finance scrutiny	5				Includes annual budget scrutiny
Regeneration/Growth Plan		3			Initial item on draft Growth Plan, May 2026
Local Plan	1	2			May 2026 Cabinet report initially, further scheduling tbc
Estates / Asset Transfer		2			
Recommendation Tracking		2			
Bournemouth Town Centre Progress – Citizens Panel & HSRA		1.5			June 2026
Planning Performance / Development Management		1			
Complaints Process & Member Involvement		1			plus rapporteur work
Town & Parish Council - Relationship with BCP		1			
Local Safeguarding Partnership	1				statutory annual item
Devolution			1		As required
Licensing		1			Inclusion of topic is tbc, subject to further advice to determine potential to add value.
Community Safety / Domestic Abuse Strategy	1				
Social Value Statement	1				
Car Parking Strategy	1				
Residents Parking		1		1	Briefing to precede working group on this topic

Voluntary Sector / BIDs / Partnership Working				1	
Council Operating Model				1	
Homes England				1	
TOTALS					
AVAILABLE CAPACITY	13 pre -decision topics	14 proactive topics	4 reactive topics	4 briefing topics	PLUS WORKING GROUP/S
ALLOCATED CAPACITY	9	15.5	1	4	1 WORKING GROUP
REMAINING CAPACITY	2 slots	1 slot	3 slots	0 slots	Review priorities if capacity is exceeded and swap topics as required

Next Steps and In Year Scrutiny Requests

19. Following confirmation of the Board's priorities, officers will gather the remaining timescale information required to plot proactive topics.
20. Pre-decision topics can be identified and confirmed by the Board on a monthly basis when the Cabinet Forward Plan is refreshed.
21. Working group suggestions will be passed to the O&S Chairs and Vice Chairs Group for consideration. The Group will agree the order of progression for working groups, in line with Constitution requirements which allow for one working group to be progressed at a time across the whole O&S function.
22. Key Lines of Enquiry documents will be progressed for individual scrutiny topics . Advice on scoping will be sought from officers to strengthen inquiries (in line with usual practice) and from the O&S Chairs and Vice Chairs Group (to provide additional test and challenge, in line with updated Constitution requirements).
23. In year topic requests: notwithstanding the Board's planning of its annual programme of work, councillors retain the right to suggest scrutiny topics throughout the year. Requests for scrutiny work may also be made by residents and other council bodies, such as full Council, at any time. For arising 'in year' requests, the Board is recommended to make use of the matrix tool to assess the topics in an evidence-led way. Where scrutiny capacity is reached, the Board can weigh up the value of swapping scrutiny topics for others by referring to the body of evidence generated through the annual work planning workshop.

Options Appraisal

24. The Board is asked to consider and confirm the scrutiny priorities as outlined at paragraph 18 above, and provide any further guidance on approach to scrutiny that it sees fit at this time.
25. To ensure that work can be accommodated within available resources, the total number of scrutiny slots available should not be exceeded. If priorities as outlined are not agreed by the Board, topics should be swapped to remain within capacity.

26. Updating the Work Plan at this time will ensure clear direction for progression of reports in a timely way. If updates are not confirmed there may be an impact on report timings and other scrutiny activity.

Summary of financial implications

27. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Summary of legal implications

28. There are no legal implications arising from this report. The Council's Constitution requires that all O&S bodies set out proposed work in a Work Plan which will be published with each agenda. The recommendation proposed in this report will fulfil this requirement.

Summary of human resources implications

29. There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

Summary of sustainability impact

30. There are no sustainability resources implications arising from this report.

Summary of public health implications

31. There are no public health implications arising from this report.

Summary of equality implications

32. There are no equality implications arising from this report. Any councillor and any member of the public may make suggestions for overview and scrutiny work. Further detail on this process is included within O&S Procedure Rules at Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

Summary of risk assessment

33. There is a risk of challenge to the Council if the Constitutional requirement to establish and publish a Work Plan is not met.

Background papers

- [Overview and Scrutiny Committees Terms of Reference](#)
- [O&S Work Planning Guidance document](#)
- [O&S Framework for scrutiny topic selection](#)
- ['Request for consideration of an issue by Overview and Scrutiny'](#)
- [Performance Dashboard](#)
- [Decision Matrix](#)

Further detail on these background papers is contained within the body of this report.

Appendices

Appendix A - Current O&S Work Plan

BCP Council Overview and Scrutiny Board – Work Plan Framework 2026/27

Guidance notes:

- 2/3 items per committee meeting is the recommended maximum for effective scrutiny.
- The O&S Board will approach work through a lens of **RESIDENT IMPACT, EXPERIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT**
- Items requiring further scoping are identified and should be scoped using the Key Lines of Enquiry tool.

	Subject and purpose	How will the scrutiny be done?	Lead Officer/Portfolio Holder	Additional Information
Meeting Date: 18 May 2026				
1.	Medium Term Financial Plan and Finance Strategy Scrutiny and monitoring of the latest Cabinet report of the MTFP update	Scrutiny of Cabinet Report	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	O&S Board regular request to scrutinise MTFP reports
2.	Local Plan Process Scrutiny of the latest Cabinet report which sets out the key elements needed for the preparation of the Local Plan	Scrutiny of Cabinet Report	Director of Planning and Transport / Leader of the Council	O&S Board selected this as a key issue in its work planning process
4.	Growth Plan – Regeneration To consider the developing Growth Plan for regeneration prior to future consideration by Cabinet	Committee Report	Director of Investment and Development / Leader of the Council	Coming to cabinet in June - O&S to receive at slightly earlier stage in order to be as proactive as possible
Meeting Date: 15 June 2026				
1.	Bournemouth Town Centre Progress	Committee Report with invite to Jessica Toale, MP	Portfolio Holder for Destination, Leisure and	KLOE document to be developed – Board

Key: Pre-Decision Scrutiny Pro/Re-active Scrutiny Information Items

	Subject and purpose	How will the scrutiny be done?	Lead Officer/Portfolio Holder	Additional Information
	To consider a report on the current progress on this issue including Citizens' Panel work and HSRA.		Commercial operations and Leader of the Council	members asked to contribute
2.	Response from Cabinet on Consultation Framework responses To receive updates from the Portfolio Holder on the recommendations.	Update from Cabinet Portfolio Holders	Director of Marketing Communications and Policy / PH – Customer Communication and Culture	The recommendations were reported to Cabinet in March 2026
Meeting Date: 13 July 2026				
1.	Quarter 4 Financial Outturn 2025/26 To consider the financial outturn for 2025/26	Pre-decision scrutiny of a Cabinet report	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	
2.	Planning Performance Update To receive an update from Planning on current performance and issues highlighted within the key lines of enquiry document and potential to include information on planning requested in the Lower Gardens item requested.	Committee Report	Director of Planning and Transport / Leader of the Council	Using the currently completed KLOE – Board members are asked to contribute any further issues
Meeting Date: 24 August 2026				
	Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined			
Meeting Date: 21 September 2026				

Key: Pre-Decision Scrutiny Pro/Re-active Scrutiny Information Items

	Subject and purpose	How will the scrutiny be done?	Lead Officer/Portfolio Holder	Additional Information
	Medium Term Financial Plan Update Report Scrutiny and monitoring of the latest Cabinet report of the MTFP update	Scrutiny of Cabinet Report	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	O&S Board regular request to scrutinise MTFP reports
	Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined			
Meeting Date: 19 October 2026				
	Quarter 1 Financial Outturn Report To enable the O&S Board to monitor the Council's developing financial situation.	Cabinet report to be circulated to Board members for information	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	
	Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined			
Meeting Date: 16 November 2026				
	Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined			
Meeting Date: 7 December 2026				
	Medium Term Financial Plan Update Report Scrutiny and monitoring of the latest Cabinet report of the MTFP update.	Scrutiny of Cabinet Report	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	O&S Board regular request to scrutinise MTFP reports
	Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined			

Key: Pre-Decision Scrutiny Pro/Re-active Scrutiny Information Items

	Subject and purpose	How will the scrutiny be done?	Lead Officer/Portfolio Holder	Additional Information
	Quarter 2 Financial Outturn Report To enable the O&S Board to monitor the Council's developing financial situation.	Cabinet report to be circulated to Board members for information	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	O&S Board regular request to monitor outturn reports
Meeting Date: 4 January 2027				
	Local Safeguarding Partnership – Annual Report Scrutiny of the annual report in the Board's role as designated crime and disorder scrutiny body.	Committee Report – Invite to Chair of the partnership	Corporate Director for Wellbeing – PH Housing and Regulatory Services	
Meeting Date: 1 February 2027 – BUDGET MEETING				
	2027/28 Proposed Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan	Scrutiny of Cabinet Report and verbal updates from Directors	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	O&S Board regular request to scrutinise MTFP reports
	Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined			
Meeting Date: 22 February 2027				
	Town Councils To consider a progress report on how the Town Councils are developing and any issues which have arisen since their formation.	Committee Report	Leader of the Council / PH – Communities and Partnerships	
Meeting Date: 22 March 2027				

Key: Pre-Decision Scrutiny Pro/Re-active Scrutiny Information Items

	Subject and purpose	How will the scrutiny be done?	Lead Officer/Portfolio Holder	Additional Information
	Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined –			
	Quarter 3 Financial Outturn Report To enable the O&S Board to monitor the Council's developing financial situation.	Cabinet report to be circulated to Board members for information	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	O&S Board regular request to monitor outturn reports
Items for scrutiny (Meeting dates and/or methods to be determined)				
	Regeneration Updates (x2) Regeneration was a strong focus for the Board in work planning and it is expected that the Board will consider at least 2 further regeneration reports during the municipal year - the timing of these will need to be scheduled	Committee Reports (TBC)	Director of Investment and Development / Leader of the Council	
	Local Plan Updates (x3) The Local Plan was a key priority for the O&S Board and as such it is expected that a number of updates will be considered by the Board – the timing of these will need to be scheduled.	Committee Reports (TBC)	Director of Planning and Transport / Leader of the Council	
	Estates and Asset Disposal (x2) This was also one of the most important areas identified – An initial report on the Asset transfer and disposal process is requested followed by a further reports on asset disposals later in the year	Committee Reports (TBC)	Director of Finance / PH - Finance	

Key: Pre-Decision Scrutiny Pro/Re-active Scrutiny Information Items

	Subject and purpose	How will the scrutiny be done?	Lead Officer/Portfolio Holder	Additional Information
	Councillor Involvement in the Complaints Process Initial rapporteur work being carried out. Report to come to a future Committee – date to be determined	Committee Report	Director of Marketing, Communications and Policy	
	Social Value Statement To consider the Cabinet report presenting the Council's proposed Social Value Statement	Potential pre-decision scrutiny	Corporate Director for Wellbeing / PH - Transformation, Resources and Governance	This item was on the Cabinet Forward Plan but has been removed – date to be determined
	Devolution The Board agreed to hold a slot for potential reactive scrutiny of this issue later in the year.	TBC	TBC	
	Domestic Abuse Strategies To consider a Cabinet report which outlines the proposed strategies.	Pre-Decision scrutiny of a Cabinet Report	Corporate Director for Wellbeing / PH Housing and Regulatory Services	Currently on Cabinet FP with date TBD
Working Groups and items addressed through alternative scrutiny methods				
	Residents Parking Policy It was suggested that this had high resident impact and could look at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative practice in other councils • Creative solution-finding • Working alongside officers 	Potential topic for a Working Group	Director of Commercial Operations / PH – Destination, Leisure and Commercial Operations	Limited to one in depth piece of work across O&S bodies – suggestions from across scrutiny bodies to be agreed and prioritised by Chair's group

Key: Pre-Decision Scrutiny Pro/Re-active Scrutiny Information Items

	Subject and purpose	How will the scrutiny be done?	Lead Officer/Portfolio Holder	Additional Information
	<p>Councillor involvement in the Complaints process</p> <p>The Board previously agreed to ask Cllr Aitkenhead as rapporteur to undertake to find out more information on this issue.</p>	Initially through a Rapporteur to gather information – Cllr S Aitkenhead		Cllr Aitkenhead will report on initial findings to the O&S Board meeting on 23 March
	Briefing Sessions			
	Dates for O&S Board Briefing Sessions for 2026/27:		Potential Topics for Briefing Sessions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 June 2026 		Residents Parking Schemes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 27 July 2026 		Homes England	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 5 October 2026 		Voluntary Sector / BIDS /Partnerships	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 25 January 2027 			

Key: Pre-Decision Scrutiny Pro/Re-active Scrutiny Information Items

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