

Cabinet DECISION RECORD
Wednesday, 5 February 2025

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Part A – Items considered in public

A7	Status: Recommendations (a) and (b) Approved Recommendation (c) submitted to Council Call-in to apply: No Open	Council Budget Monitoring 2024/25 at Quarter Three	RESOLVED that Cabinet: - (a) Noted the budget monitoring position for quarter three 2024/25; and (b) Agree the acceptance of capital grants for the general fund detailed in Appendix C1 paragraph 2. RECOMMENDED that Cabinet recommends that Council: - (c) Agrees the acceptance of capital grant for the HRA detailed in Appendix D paragraph 20. Voting: Unanimous Portfolio Holder: Finance <u>Reason</u> To comply with accounting codes of practice and best practice which requires councils to regularly monitor the annual budget position and take any action to support the sustainability of the council's finances. Also, to comply with the council's financial regulations regarding acceptance of grants.
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A8	<p>Status: Recommendation (d) Approved</p> <p>Recommendations (a), (b) and (c) submitted to Council</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Setting 2025/26	<p>RECOMMENDED that Cabinet recommends that Council agrees: -</p> <p>(a) The revenue budget for 2025/26 is set using the following principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That dwelling rents are increased by 2.7 per cent (CPI for September 2024 + 1 per cent) from 7 April 2025 in line with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Policy statement on rents for social housing published in February 2019 (Rent Policy Statement). (ii) That garage, garage bases and parking plot rental charges are increased by 5 percent from 7 April 2025 and an additional £1.00 per week increase is made to garages in parts of Poole so that charges begin to align. (iii) That leasehold services are charged to leaseholders in line with actual costs incurred. (iv) That shared ownership dwelling rents are increased in line with lease terms. (v) That the changes to services charges are agreed as set out in appendix 2. (vi) That HRA reserves are set at £8.6 million. <p>(b) That the Income and Expenditure budget as set out in Appendix 3 is agreed;</p> <p>(c) That capital budgets for 2025/26 are set using the following principles;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the major project capital programme as set out in Appendix 4 is noted. (ii) That the planned maintenance programme as set out in Appendix 5 is agreed.
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			<p>(iii) That £0.5 million for the acquisition of individual properties (Acquire and Repair) is agreed.</p> <p>It is RESOLVED that Cabinet agrees:</p> <p>(d) That further details of the medium- and long-term budget implications are presented to Cabinet during 2025/26 following the re-modelling of the 30-year HRA Business Plan.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Housing and Regulatory Services</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>HRA rents and other changes along with the HRA Capital Programme are subject to review and require Cabinet and Council approval for rents and charges to be levied.</p>
A9	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>	Review of the approach to Waste Enforcement and Waste Offences Enforcement Policy	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet: -</p> <p>(a) Approved the updated Enforcement of Waste Offences policy at Appendix B; and</p> <p>(b) Approved the revision of the fixed penalty notices as detailed in Section 36.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Housing and Regulatory Services</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>The previous 2019 policy is due for review and should be aligned to the new statutory guidance issued by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) in October 2023. A clear policy supports the education of stakeholders on the Council's approach and supports a proportionate but robust enforcement approach.</p> <p>A six-month review following the increase in relevant fixed penalty notice fines has</p>

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			been conducted and recommends that a revised approach to flytipping is deemed proportionate to support enhanced compliance with the legislation. This approach will be supported by enhanced communication to ensure stakeholders are aware of the offences, penalties and approach by the local authority and its contractors.
A10	<p>Status: Recommendation (a), (b) and (c) Approved</p> <p>Recommendations (d), (e) and (f) submitted to Council</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>	Phase 2 - Council Sustainable Fleet Management Strategy and Fleet Replacement Programme	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet: -</p> <p>(a) Noted the good progress made in transitioning the Council's corporate fleet assets against challenging international marketplace conditions and balancing risk exposure on unproven new vehicle technology market entrants;</p> <p>(b) Endorsed Phase Two of BCP Council's Sustainable Fleet Replacement Plan, through an in-house management and maintenance delivery model to achieve a safe, compliant, ultra-low emission fleet and future key infrastructure decisions required that will determine its direction and success; and</p> <p>(c) Acknowledged that without significant investment in suitable premisses and area wide utilities that will deliver the required infrastructure to support the continued modernisation and electric decarbonisation of the BCP fleet in future Phase 3 2028 – 2030, future green fleet transition will be limited unless progress in alternative fuel technologies are forthcoming especially heavy goods vehicles.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED that Council: -</p> <p>(d) Approve the phase two fleet replacement programme of £19.857m over 3 years;</p> <p>(e) Approve the use of £18.692m new prudential borrowing for the Fleet Replacement Plan and the capital investment necessary in increasing associated EV charging infrastructure recognising the impact of this on the annual revenue budget requirement; and</p>

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			<p>(f) Approve use of capital receipts from the sales of vehicles of £1.165m to fund part of the phase 2 fleet replacement plan.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Climate Response, Environment and Energy</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>The proposed replacement and management plan is a continuation of the adopted Sustainable Fleet Strategy that provided Capital fleet funding and governance for years 2021 – 2024 building on the existing framework towards achieving a sustainable fleet for BCP Council and a commitment towards its ambition of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.</p> <p>Failure to approve the fleet replacement plan places the authority at risk as vehicles reach end of life and require increased maintenance, which impacts on services risking repeated statutory service failure, associated reputational damage, increased revenue budget pressure and potential for breach(es) of Operator Licence compliance.</p>
A12	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>	School Admission Arrangements 2026/27	<p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <p>(a) Cabinet considered the comments from Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, if any, concerning Schools Admissions Arrangements 2026/2027 for community and maintained schools; and</p> <p>(b) Cabinet supported the determination of the arrangements as set out in Appendix 1 and 2 of this report.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Children, Young People, Education and Skills</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>BCP Council is legally required to determine admission arrangements for the 2026/27</p>

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			academic year for all maintained schools for which it is an admission authority and to agree coordinated admission arrangements for all admission authorities in the area. Arrangements must be determined by BCP Council by 28 February 2025.
A13	Status: Recommendations Approved Call-in to apply: No Open	Public health disaggregation: progress and overview of decisions	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet: -</p> <p>(a) Recognised and supported the work done out in partnership with Dorset Council to disaggregate the shared service following BCP Council's decision to terminate the agreement in April 2024;</p> <p>(b) Endorsed the decisions that the steering group is proposing to take, set out at para 12 below and Appendix A, recognising the pragmatic approach taken in order to maintain positive working relationships, financial stability and service provision to residents; and</p> <p>(c) Noted that the programme is on track to have two separate public health teams in place from 1 April.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Health and Wellbeing</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>To ensure continued provision of equitable and effective public health services for both Councils, in line with the Health and Social Care Act 2012. This contributes to the delivery of BCP Council's vision and ambitions around health and wellbeing in the Corporate Strategy.</p>