

Notice of Cabinet

Date: Wednesday, 2 April 2025 at 10.15 am

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



Membership:

Chairman:

Cllr M Earl

Vice Chairman:

Cllr M Cox

Cllr D Brown
Cllr R Burton
Cllr A Hadley

Cllr J Hanna
Cllr R Herrett
Cllr A Martin

Cllr S Moore
Cllr K Wilson

All Members of the Cabinet are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

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If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Sarah Culwick (01202 817615) on 01202 096660 or email democratic.services@bcpCouncil.gov.uk

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25 March 2025

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Declaring interests at meetings

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

Before the meeting, read the agenda and reports to see if the matters to be discussed at the meeting concern your interests



What are the principles of bias and pre-determination and how do they affect my participation in the meeting?

Bias and predetermination are common law concepts. If they affect you, your participation in the meeting may call into question the decision arrived at on the item.

Bias Test

In all the circumstances, would it lead a fair minded and informed observer to conclude that there was a real possibility or a real danger that the decision maker was biased?

Predetermination Test

At the time of making the decision, did the decision maker have a closed mind?

If a councillor appears to be biased or to have predetermined their decision, they must NOT participate in the meeting.

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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. 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.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 5 March 2025.

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4. Public Issues

To receive any public questions, statements or petitions submitted in accordance with the Constitution. Further information on the requirements for submitting these is available to view at the following link:-

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

The deadline for the submission of public questions is mid-day on Thursday 27 March 2025 [mid-day 3 clear working days before the meeting].

The deadline for the submission of a statement is mid-day on Tuesday 1 April 2025 [mid-day the working day before the meeting].

The deadline for the submission of a petition is Tuesday 18 March 2025 [10 working days before the meeting].

5. Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

To consider recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny committees on items not otherwise included on the Cabinet Agenda.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

6. BCP Council Cemetery Rules and Regulations Amendment

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To seek approval for a modification to the BCP Council's Cemetery Rules and Regulations approved by Cabinet in June 2022 with wider updates approved in April 2024.

Following notification by a religious faith group of a typing omission relating specifically to Regulation 3, Section 3.12 an amendment is proposed to ensure BCP Council adopts legally compliant and fair rules and regulations.

<p>7. Poole Bridge to Hunger Hill Flood Defence Scheme – CIL Funding Proposal</p> <p>Poole town centre is at considerable flood risk which will increase over time with the effects of climate change. This Scheme is the preferred option from the approved Poole Bay, Poole Harbour and Wareham, Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy (2014). The strategy identified that within Central Poole Cell there were 573 properties at flood risk in the present day 1% AEP event, rising to over 2,000 properties at flood risk by 2110.</p> <p>Flood defence schemes have been completed from Baiter to Poole Bridge, delivered by the Environment Agency (EA) and Poole Harbour Commissioners (PHC). However, the area remains at risk due to the ageing infrastructure between Poole Bridge and Hunger Hill. BCP Council is responsible for and leading on a proposal for tidal flood defences on the remaining frontage.</p> <p>The current policy of flood defence delivery through regeneration and private development has not provided the required level of investment and protection. Our proposal is to deliver via a single BCP Council led scheme, working in liaison with the various landowners.</p> <p>The costs to build the defences are estimated at circa £29m for delivery of all primary works in a single phase. The scheme has secured £15.95m of Flood defence Grant in Aid and has submitted a bid for a further £6.5m to the Environment Agency. Cabinet has considered the Strategic Prioritisation of CIL on 05 March 2025, of which this scheme is a principal project and £7.3m is being proposed from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).</p>	57 - 64
<p>8. Mid Point Review of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan</p> <p>The BCP Housing Strategy was produced in 2021 and set priorities to be delivered over the following five years. Given the challenges in the economy and the housing market both locally and nationally, a mid-point review has been completed to consider delivery to date, key challenges, and what has changed since 2021. The review then considers how the Delivery Plan needs to adapt to ensure delivery against the strategy objectives is maximised.</p> <p>The proposed new Delivery Plan for 2025-2027 is appended to this report and Cabinet are asked to approve this.</p> <p>The report also proposes a new governance structure to improve oversight and programme management of the Plan in its final stages.</p>	65 - 142
<p>9. Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2024-25</p> <p>The Council has a statutory duty to provide working families of children aged 0-14 (18 with SEND) enough childcare places in its area, where reasonably practicable. Each year Research and Children's Services colleagues assess the position of the market, providing parents, councillors, schools and private business ward level information as a planning tool to support access or expansion of places, while highlighting areas of focus for the year ahead.</p> <p>With significant government expansion of early years childcare and</p>	143 - 168

wraparound care currently taking place, this information and data is vital for private businesses seeking to enter the market and help the Council fulfil its statutory duties.

The content of the assessment concludes that the Council is meeting its statutory duties. It is also important to highlight that, at the time of writing, the quality of our providers stands at 99.2% good or outstanding (compared to 97.8% in England).

In addition to a briefing report (appendix 1) the data that helped form the assessment is accessible [here](#).

10. Children and Young People's Partnership Plan 2025-2030

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Having a Children and Young People's Partnership (CYPP) Plan is a statutory requirement of Children's Services. It is a high-level strategic plan that outlines how to support children and young people living in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole with the aim to improve outcomes for all children and young people. The current plan has come to an end, and this is the new plan covering 2025-2030.

It is an important statement of the partnership's commitment to BCP's children and young people. Not only does it set out the priorities for services that support children and young people, but it also defines how partners will work with each other to deliver those priorities effectively.

[PLEASE NOTE: Should the Cabinet wish to discuss the detail of the exempt Appendix at Appendix 2 it will be necessary to exclude the press and public and move into Confidential (Exempt) session]

11. Adult Social Care Strategy 2025-28

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To provide background information on the development and consultation of the new Adult Social Care Strategy 2025-28.

12. Scrap metal licensing fee increase

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On 13 March 2025, BCP Licensing Committee considered and approved changes to licensing fees that are not statutorily set, including those applicable to Scrap Metal Licences. Relevant fees were considered on a full cost recovery basis, increasing to reflect rises to national insurance, annual local government pay award and consumer price index.

The Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 allows the local authority to set fees to administer and issue site licences and collectors licences provided for under the legislation. Fees should be set on a cost recovery basis, in line with the statutory guidance and giving due regard to relevant case law.

The setting of fees in relation to the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 is held as an executive function and therefore must be approved by BCP Cabinet. Licensing Committee have considered the fees pertaining to licences issued under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 and have recommended that Cabinet approve these fees..

13. Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution

The Chief Executive to report on any decisions taken under urgency provisions in accordance with the Constitution.

14. Cabinet Forward Plan

To consider the latest version of the Cabinet Forward Plan for approval.

15. Date of the next meeting

Cabinet are asked to note the change of date of the next meeting which will now be held on Tuesday 13 May 2025 at 10.15am and not Wednesday 21 May 2025 as originally scheduled.

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No other items of business can be considered unless the Chairman decides the matter is urgent for reasons that must be specified and recorded in the Minutes.