

Notice of Cabinet

Date: Tuesday, 13 May 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.

The press and public are welcome to view the live stream of this meeting at the following link:

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=6062>

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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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

2 May 2025

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Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

Declaring interests at meetings

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

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



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

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

Bias Test

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

Predetermination Test

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

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

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer
(janie.berry@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Selflessness

Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

Integrity

Councillors must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships

Objectivity

Councillors must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias

Accountability

Councillors are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this

Openness

Councillors should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing

Honesty & Integrity

Councillors should act with honesty and integrity and should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned

Leadership

Councillors should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs

AGENDA

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence from Councillors.

2. 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 2 April 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 Wednesday 7 May 2025 [mid-day 3 clear working days before the meeting].

The deadline for the submission of a statement is mid-day on Monday 12 May 2025 [mid-day the working day before the meeting].

The deadline for the submission of a petition is Friday 25 April 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. Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Update

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This report:

- Presents an update on Local Government Funding Reforms and the government Spring Statement.
- Aims to ensure the council presents a legally balanced 2026/27 budget.
- Proposes a budget planning process and timeline for key financial reports.
- Proposes a financial strategy to support the delivery of a robust and financially sustainable budget for 2026/27.

7.	<p>BCP Local Plan next steps, updated Local Development Scheme (LDS) and Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)</p> <p>Following Stage 1 examination hearings on the draft BCP Local Plan in January 2025, the Inspectors provided a post hearing letter in early March 2025. The letter stated that the Council had failed to adequately discharge the Duty to Cooperate. This is not something that can be rectified during the examination.</p> <p>Cabinet is therefore recommended to withdraw the draft BCP Local Plan from examination.</p> <p>The associated Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule that was submitted for its own examination at the same time is also recommended to be withdrawn due its strong ties with the draft Local Plan.</p> <p>If Cabinet and Council agree the withdrawal of the Local Plan and CIL Charging Schedule, a new Local Plan will need to be prepared. A timetable (Local Development Scheme - LDS) for this new Plan is recommended in Appendix 1.</p> <p>To facilitate community involvement and good plan making and development management processes, an updated Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is also recommended for Cabinet to agree at Appendix 2.</p>	47 - 94
8.	<p>Our Place and Environment: Consolidated Active Travel Fund 2025/26</p> <p>The Council has been allocated and accepted £1.459m Consolidated Active Travel Fund (CATF) grant from Active Travel England (ATE) for walking, wheeling and cycling improvements to deliver schemes aligned with the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) approved by Council in May 2022.</p> <p>The award comprises £1.128m of capital and £331k of revenue funding.</p> <p>This report recommends how the grant award should be invested and seeks delegation to facilitate delivery.</p>	95 - 104
9.	<p>Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum Arts Council England (ACE) Museum Estate and Development (MEND) Grant</p> <p>In August 2024 the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum applied for a grant from Arts Council England (ACE)'s Museum Estate and Development Fund Round 4, to fund urgent repair work on the fabric of the building.</p> <p>In February 2025, ACE wrote to confirm success and an allocation of £1,500,817, match funded by £250,000 from CIL and £109,317 from legacies to the Museum charity, making a total project grant of £1,860,134.</p> <p>This paper informs Cabinet of this success and seeks delegation to formally accept the grant and invest awarded money and match funds in line with the application to ACE.</p>	105 - 108

10. BCP Complaints Policy

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An effective complaints process demonstrates commitment to accountability, fosters trust amongst customers and stakeholders, and provides a structured way to address concerns appropriately and promptly.

Recent revisions to the Local Government Ombudsman Complaint Handling Code have introduced changes designed to enhance the efficiency, transparency and responsiveness of local authorities in handling complaints. These modifications affect the operations and policies of all UK local authorities.

The BCP Council Complaints Policy has been updated and additionally, a separate new policy has also been prepared regarding Unreasonable Actions, as also recommended by the Local Government Ombudsman.

11. 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.

12. Cabinet Forward Plan

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

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.