

Cabinet DECISION RECORD
Wednesday, 16 July 2025
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Part A – Items considered in public

A6	Status: Part Decision and Part Recommendation to Council Call-in to apply: No Open	Financial Outturn 2024/25	RESOLVED that Cabinet: - (a) Noted the final outturn position for 2024/25; (b) Agreed to set aside £0.5m in an earmarked reserve to manage the potential risk associated with future income streams from the introduction of the resident card pilot scheme in 2025/26. (c) Agree the residual surplus of £0.7m is transferred to unearmarked reserves. (d) Agree the capital virements between schemes funded by the bus services improvement plan as set out in appendix C1. (e) Note that the museums capital scheme is forecast to exceed the approved resources by £0.55m, alongside a £0.8m shortfall in third party contributions as set out in appendix C3. (f) Recommend that Audit and Governance Committee recommend to Council to approve the revised funding strategy for the Poole museums capital schemes which will mean an increase in the approved prudential borrowing of £1.3m as set out in appendix C3. RECOMMENDED that Council: Approves the revised funding strategy for the Poole museums capital schemes which subject to Audit and Governance Committee approval will mean an
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			<p>increase in the approved prudential borrowing of £1.3m.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Finance</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>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 financial position.</p> <p>To comply with the council's financial regulations regarding capital virements, acceptance of grants and new borrowing.</p>
A16	<p>Status: Part Decision and Part Recommendation to Council</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>	Adult Social Care Fulfilled Lives Transformation Programme	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <p>(a) Notes the current work-in-progress with the Adult Social Care Fulfilled Lives Programme; and</p> <p>RECOMMENDED that Council</p> <p>(b) 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.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Health and Wellbeing</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>Release of the remaining investment will enable improved outcomes for adults and their families within the BCP Council area due to enhanced person-centred practice, with effective and efficient support that continues to ensure that the Council fulfils its statutory duties despite continuing demographic and economic demand pressures. In totality, the projects that form part of this transformation programme will lead to recurring savings of c.£3.5m</p>

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A7	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p>	Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Update	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet: -</p> <p>(a) Endorses the latest position regarding the developing 2026/27 Budget and MTFP position.</p> <p>(b) Acknowledges the ongoing progress being made to ensure a balanced budget position for 2026/27 is presented to Council in February 2026.</p> <p>(c) In respect of the SEND deficit, note the update and acknowledges the action taken by the Leader and the Director of Finance.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Finance</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>To comply with accounting codes of practice and best practice which requires councils to have a rolling multi-year medium term financial plan.</p> <p>To provide Cabinet with the latest high-level overview of the 2026/27 Budget and 3-year medium-term financial plan.</p> <p>To provide an update on the 11 June 2025 Comprehensive Spending Review (SR25) and the consultations documents issued on 20 June in respect of the local government funding formula and the modernisation of council tax.</p> <p>To acknowledge that the current and growing deficit on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) as it pertains to the expenditure on Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) service continues to be an existential threat to the financial sustainability of the council.</p>
A11	Status: Recommendations Approved	BCP Homes Tenant Satisfaction Measures and Housing Regulatory Compliance Update	<p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <p>(a) Cabinet noted the content of the report; and</p> <p>(b) Cabinet approved the Delivery Plan at appendix 2.</p>

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	<p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>		<p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Housing and Regulatory Services</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>Councillors are responsible for ensuring that council services provided to tenants are managed effectively and that they deliver the outcomes of the regulatory consumer standards.</p>
A14	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>	Designation of Neighbourhood Forum and Area	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet considered each proposal for neighbourhood forum and area designation together with consultation responses and determined to agree option (2): -</p> <p>That East Cliff and Springbourne Neighbourhood Forum and Area be designated, and that Option 1: the East Cliff Neighbourhood Forum and Area proposal is refused.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Leader of the Council</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>To meet the statutory obligations including provisions set out in (i) the Localism Act 2011 (ii) the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 and the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017) and (iii) the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended).</p> <p>During the debate the following reasons for the refusal of Option 1 were cited:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The neighbourhood forum would split a ward which has some of the greatest challenges in terms of deprivation • The Neighbourhood Forum and Area does not have the backing of all three East Cliff & Springbourne ward councillors

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Neighbourhood Area is not considered to be inclusive as it excludes the Springbourne area, and as such does not align to Council values to empower more residents and communities to have a say about what is important in their area. Excluding people from decisions made in their local area can impact on community cohesion, health and social inequality. The seafront is not included within the neighbourhood area (something which is strongly supported by residents) Overall, the consultation feedback demonstrates less support for Option 1 (when compared with Option 2).
A15	Status: Recommendations Approved (subject to call-in) Call-in to apply: Yes Open	Local Area Energy Plan	<p>RESOLVED that: -</p> <p>Cabinet accepts the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Local Area Energy Plan and agrees to explore the action plan of 15 priority actions to be taken forward to achieve area-wide carbon neutrality by 2045.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Climate Response, Environment and Energy</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>The Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Local Area Energy Plan is an evidence-based document that provides a roadmap to achieving the Council commitment of working towards a carbon neutral area by 2045. Endorsement will support the Council's Corporate Plan objectives and Climate and Ecological Emergency commitments.</p>
A20	Status: Recommendations Approved (subject to call-in)	Update on the disposal of Land at Wessex Fields, Riverside Avenue	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet: -</p> <p>Authorise the Director of Finance acting in his capacity as Corporate Property Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, to implement the previous decision of Council to dispose of council owned land at Wessex Fields</p>

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	Call-in to apply: Yes		<p>to the University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust (“UHD”) on the terms set out in this report subject to any financial amendments.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Finance</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>To authorise the Director of Finance and Finance Portfolio Holder to implement the previous decision of Council to disposal of land at the Wessex Fields site located at Riverside Avenue to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Achieve the socio-economic benefits as the purchase by the hospital would unlock substantial health benefits for the residents of Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole and the wider area. 2. Disposal of the site to University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust in line with its best value duties as determined in accordance with a RICS Red Book Valuation. 3. Generate a capital receipt to support the funding of the Council’s various transformation programmes. <p>To ensure the terms of the disposal are set out in an open and transparent manner for member consideration.</p> <p>Please note that UHD would not be under an obligation to provide a link road connecting to Deansleigh Road PROVIDED THAT decisions under this Cabinet Report are made strictly in the council’s capacity as landowner and nothing in this Cabinet Report (nor any decision thereunder) shall prejudice or affect any statutory right, power, obligation or duty vested in the council in its capacity as local planning authority, rating authority or local highway authority or any other capacity.</p>
A17	Status:	SEND Budget Pressures	RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the contents of the report.

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	Recommendations Approved Call-in to apply: No Open		Voting: Unanimous Portfolio Holder: Children's Services <u>Reason</u> This is an information report.
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