

# Cabinet DECISION RECORD

## Wednesday, 1 October 2025

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### Part A – Items considered in public

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| <b>A6</b> | <p>Status:<br/>Recommendations<br/>Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply:<br/>No</p> <p>Open</p> | <p>Council Budget<br/>Monitoring 2025/26 at<br/>Quarter One</p> | <p><b>RESOLVED that Cabinet: -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>(a) noted the budget monitoring position for quarter one 2025/26;</b></li> <li><b>(b) agreed the capital budget virements set out in appendix C1 paragraph 2, relating to schemes funded by the bus service improvement grant and the local transport plan funding; and</b></li> <li><b>(c) approved the implementation of a freeze on all non-essential expenditure and a vacancy freeze from 1 October 2025 and until such time as the Corporate Management Board have provided Cabinet Members with assurance the forecast outturn for 2025/26 is within the parameters of the approved 2025/26 budget. Officers should also consider the extent to which savings plans can be brought forward from 2026/27.</b></li> </ul> <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 regulation concerning approval for budget virements.</p> |
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| A8             | Status:<br>Recommendations<br>Approved<br><br>Call-in to apply:<br>No<br><br>Open | Resident Card                     | <b>RESOLVED that: -</b><br><b>(a) Cabinet agreed the introduction of a Resident Card scheme, the initial offer as described in paragraph 13 onwards and the associated financial assessment.</b><br><b>(b) Cabinet approved to delegate authority to the Chief Operating Officer in consultation with Director of Finance and Portfolio Holders Councillor Herrett and Councillor Cox to direct award and associated contracts for the technical solution, in readiness for a summer 2026 go live.</b><br><br>Voting: Unanimous<br>Portfolio Holder: Destination Leisure and Commercial Operations<br><u>Reason</u><br>Key activity in the Corporate Strategy to deliver for residents. Supports key aims in the Corporate Strategy including our inclusive, vibrant and sustainable economy supports our communities to thrive. Supports the Council's UKSPF Investment Plan and existing interventions. |
| A9             | Status:<br>Recommendations<br>Approved<br><br>Call-in to apply:<br>No<br><br>Open | Corporate Performance Report - Q1 | <b>RESOLVED that: -</b><br><b>(a) Consider the Quarter One performance</b><br><b>(b) Note that work continues to expand the data available on the interactive performance dashboard</b><br><b>(c) Note the positive activities highlighted in the report</b><br><br>Voting: Unanimous<br>Portfolio Holder: Leader of the Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|            |                                                                                             |                                                                                        | <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>Our shared vision for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole sets out the priorities and ambitions against which the council's performance will be judged, and as such is a vital component of the council's performance management framework.</p> <p>An understanding of performance against targets, goals and objectives helps the council to assess and manage service delivery and identify emerging business risks.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>A10</b> | <p>Status:<br/>Recommendations<br/>Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply:<br/>No</p> <p>Open</p> | Extension to the term of office of the Chair of the Russell-Cotes Management Committee | <p><b>RESOLVED that: -</b></p> <p><b>(a) the Chair of the Management Committee's term of office be extended until the transfer of the Museum to the new sole trustee is completed or for a further 3 years (whichever is soonest) to provide vital continuity at the pivotal moment in the process of externalisation.</b></p> <p><b>(b) it is noted that as soon as Vesting Day is achieved the Management Committee will cease to exist and the appointment will be concluded; and</b></p> <p><b>(c) it is noted that this decision will not set any precedent for this or any other BCP Council Committee.</b></p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Customer, Communications and Culture</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>The externalisation of the Russell-Cotes is on track to be achieved this financial year, subject to the parliamentary timetable. This long and complex project would be put at risk by changing a key individual at this moment.</p> |

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| A12            | <p>Status:<br/>Recommendations Approved (subject to call-in)</p> <p>Call-in to apply:<br/>Yes</p> <p>Open</p> | Nitrogen Mitigation for Poole Harbour | <p><b>RESOLVED that Cabinet agreed: -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) to cease use of and withdraw the Nitrogen Mitigation for Poole Harbour Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and to replacement of the SPD with Natural England's approved approach involving the nutrient neutrality calculator and developer credit purchases;</li> <li>(b) that the withdrawal of the SPD is to be implemented as soon as is practicable, with the replacement process in place, details published on the Council's website and developers and agents advised at least 21 days in advance; and</li> <li>(c) to give authority to temporarily use up to £1m from strategic CIL if the nitrogen CIL cash received is not timely with the need to spend, providing that Strategic CIL has received sufficient income to service the new demands.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted: -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(d) regular (at least 6 monthly) reports being prepared for the Leader of the Council and Chair of Cabinet to monitor the Council's position in relation to the delivery of nutrient mitigation and transition from using the SPD to use of developer led mitigation.</li> </ul> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Leader of the Council</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>Since Natural England updated their advice on nutrient neutrality in March 2022, the Nitrogen Reduction in Poole Harbour SPD is no longer considered to offer a robust mechanism for delivering nitrogen mitigation in the Poole Harbour catchment. The SPD therefore needs to be formally withdrawn and an alternative approach introduced.</p> |

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|            |                                                                                   |                  | Dorset Council is the lead authority for co-ordinating nitrogen mitigation work for the Poole Harbour Catchment. Mitigation delivery projects are evaluated in accordance with Dorset Council's assessment and prioritisation criteria for securing nutrient mitigation projects. The nutrient reduction and suitability of land for mitigation is agreed by Natural England's discretionary advice. The Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund (LNMF) Steering Group with officers from both BCP and Dorset Councils provides the Governance for the fund.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>A13</b> | Status:<br>Recommendations<br>Approved<br><br>Call-in to apply:<br>No<br><br>Open | Events Framework | <p><b>RESOLVED that Cabinet: -</b></p> <p><b>(a) noted the contents of the framework and agrees the process and policies for events;</b></p> <p><b>(b) agreed to option 2 with regards to the future approach for safety related paperwork for external event organisers;</b></p> <p><b>(c) noted the detail in the summary of legal implications; and</b></p> <p><b>(d) delegates to the Director of Commercial Operations in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Destination, Leisure and Commercial Operations, the implementation of these decisions</b></p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Destination, Leisure &amp; Commercial Operations</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>The development of the Events Framework is in line with audit recommendations for a clear auditable approach to events. The council has a duty of care to ensure events on its land are safe and well managed reducing risk whilst also ensuring the process enables communities to deliver events.</p> |

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| <b>A14</b>     | <p>Status: Recommendations Approved (subject to call-in)</p> <p>Call-in to apply: Yes</p> <p>Open</p> | Designation of Lilliput Neighbourhood Forum and Area | <p><b>RESOLVED that Cabinet approved the application by the Lilliput Neighbourhood Forum and designates both the forum and area.</b></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 &amp; 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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>A15</b>     | <p>Status: For Determination</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>                              | Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy                | <p><b>RESOLVED that: -</b></p> <p><b>(a) Cabinet gives pre-publication approval of the Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy</b> for publication in December 2025 by Dorset Council, recognising its role as LNRS lead authority;</p> <p><b>(b) Commits to integrating the LNRS into relevant BCP council policies and decision-making</b>, including planning, land management, climate adaptation, and public health.</p> <p><b>(c) Supports ongoing monitoring and review</b> of the strategy every 3 to 10 years, ensuring it remains evidence-based, inclusive, and responsive to environmental change.</p> <p><b>(d) Acknowledges the contributions of stakeholders</b>, led by Dorset Council and including Natural England, community groups, and residents, in shaping the strategy through consultation and co-production.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Climate Mitigation, Energy and Environment</p> |

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|            |                                                                                         |                                          | <u>Reason</u><br><p>The reason for these recommendations is to ensure BCP Council formally supports and integrates the Local Nature Recovery Strategy as a statutory framework for reversing biodiversity decline, enhancing climate resilience, and guiding sustainable land use across the county. It also meets the DEFRA requirements as set out by the Environment Act 2021.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>A16</b> | <p>Status:<br/>Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply:<br/>No</p> <p>Open</p> | Get Dorset & BCP Working Plan - GD&BCPWP | <p><b>RESOLVED that Cabinet: -</b></p> <p>(a) approved the draft 'Get Dorset &amp; BCP Working Plan' (GD&amp;BCPWP) for publication;</p> <p>(b) delegated authority to the Director, Investment and Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Destination, Leisure &amp; Commercial Operations, to undertake any minor changes to the Working Plan that are identified by Cabinet; and</p> <p>(c) delegated authority to the Director, Investment and Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Destination, Leisure &amp; Commercial Operations, to assign any remaining funding from the Government allocation to deliver projects identified in the Plan</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder(s): Destination, Leisure &amp; Commercial Operations</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Health &amp; Wellbeing</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Children, Young People, Education and Skills</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>The draft Get Dorset &amp; BCP Working Plan (GD&amp;BCPWP) will enable BCP Council to help address the challenges related to labour market participation and progression. As such, the GD&amp;BCPWP will help deliver the Council's Corporate Strategy and wider</p> |

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|  |  |  | <p>economic and social objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills are continually developed, and people can access lifelong learning</li> <li>• Employment is available for everyone and helps create value in our communities</li> <li>• Those who need support receive it when and where they need it</li> <li>• High quality of life for all, where people can be active, healthy and independent</li> <li>• Our inclusive, vibrant and sustainable economy supports our communities to thrive</li> </ul> |
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