

Cabinet DECISION RECORD
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Part A – Items considered in public

<p>A7</p>	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>	<p>Corporate Performance Report - Q3</p>	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet: -</p> <p>(a) considered the Quarter Three performance;</p> <p>(b) noted that work continues to expand the data available on the interactive performance dashboard;</p> <p>(c) noted the positive activities highlighted in the report; and</p> <p>(d) noted the performance exception reports relating to areas of underperformance and task the corporate directors to take action to improve performance.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Leader of the Council</p> <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>
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<p>A8</p>	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>	<p>Climate Action Annual Report</p>	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the Climate Progress Report 2024-25</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>This report informs on progress made to date and proposes a draft Roadmap of climate actions that the Council can consider in order to deliver on the ambitions of a carbon neutral Council by 2030. These are clear and achievable but require resources and timely decision-making if significant emissions reductions are to be made.</p>
<p>A9</p>	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>	<p>Increased Penalty Charge Notice and Associated Charges Trial</p>	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted the content of the report and its appendix.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Destination, Leisure and Commercial Operations</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>This report is for information only and so no recommendations are required.</p>
<p>A10</p>	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>	<p>BCP Council Discretions policy (pension)</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the changes to the Pensions Discretion Policy relating to Regulation 17 & 15(2A) [TP] as set out on Page 7 of the Policy be approved.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Transformation, Resources and Governance</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>LGPS discretions are the Council's agreed choices on how certain pension rules are applied, so decisions are fair, consistent, and lawful.</p>

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			<p>We must have a written policy so that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone is treated consistently • Decisions are fair, lawful, and transparent • Managers and officers don't make ad-hoc or contradictory decisions • Employees know what the Council will and won't do <p>The policy sets out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What discretion applies • What the Council's position is • Who makes the decision • Any limits or conditions <p>What's changed/changing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section: Regulation 17 & 15(2A) [TP] – Shared-Cost AVCs (SCAVC) as set out on Page 7 of the policy (Appendix 1). <p>Effective from 1 December 2025:</p> <p>The Council will pay shared-cost additional voluntary contributions (SCAVCs) where an employee has elected to pay AVCs via the Council's salary sacrifice AVC scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amount of the employer SCAVC will not exceed the amount of salary sacrificed by the employee. • Participation is subject to the employee meeting the scheme's eligibility conditions. <p>The Council may withdraw or amend the SCAVC arrangement at any time, following appropriate consultation and notice.</p>
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A11	Status: Recommendations Approved Call-in to apply: No Open	Supported & Specialist Housing Strategy 2026 to 2036	<p>RESOLVED that the proposed Supported & Specialist Housing Strategy at Appendix 1 be approved.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Housing and Regulatory Services</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To meet statutory obligations under the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023, ensuring a published strategy is in place. • Sets out BCP Council’s commitment to developing supported and specialist housing in line with projected resident needs over the coming decade and ensure that both the Council’s Newbuild Housing & Acquisition Strategy and the Local Plan reflect this. • To reduce pressures on health and social care services through the provision of good quality housing which improves health and wellbeing and promotes independence and choice • To provide guidance to private developers and social housing providers in shaping development plans for the area. • To maximise opportunities for central government capital and revenue funding by putting in place a strategy that sets out the specialist housing
A12	Status: Recommendations Approved Call-in to apply: No	Framework for keeping safe in and around water	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet: -</p> <p>(a) noted the contents of the framework and agreed the framework process; and</p> <p>(b) delegates to the Director of Commercial Operations in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Destination, Leisure and Commercial Operations the implementation of the framework.</p>

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	Open		<p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Destination, Leisure and Commercial Operations</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>The development of the framework supports the corporate strategy to ensure that working together, everyone feels safe and secure and that people can be active and healthy with the positive impact blue spaces can bring.</p>
A13	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>	Highway Searches Charging Policy	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet approved and noted the recommendations described in Section 1, specifically:</p> <p>(a) The Highway Searches Charging Policy and schedule of fees (Appendix 1);</p> <p>(b) The introduction of a full cost-recovery model for the provision of written highway search enquiries, in accordance with the Local Authorities (England) (Charges for Property Searches) Regulations 2008;</p> <p>(c) Delegate authority to the Director of Planning and Transport, in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy (Cllr Andy Hadley);</p> <p>(d) Agree that the Charging Policy be reviewed annually;</p> <p>(e) Authorise publication of the Policy, fee schedule, guidance materials and updated web content, and instruct officers to implement the required communications and operational changes to enable the charging framework to go live; and</p> <p>(f) Note that the Policy will be delivered within existing staffing resources, with no requirement for additional posts and that the income generated will support service sustainability and statutory data maintenance.</p>

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			<p>Voting: Unanimous</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Climate Response, Environment and Energy</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>This policy aligns BCP with neighbouring authorities and most local authorities in England, who charge for this service.</p>
A14	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>	<p>Our Place and Environment: Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for 20mph Neighbourhood Winton-Moordown (S112)</p>	<p>RESOLVED that the scheme (as per Appendix 1) is implemented as advertised.</p> <p>Voting: Nem. Con. (1 abstention)</p> <p>Portfolio Holder: Destination, Leisure and Commercial Operations</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>Feedback from the public consultation has been fully considered. It is recommended that the scheme is delivered as proposed.</p> <p>The recommended scheme shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve safety for all road users, especially children, senior citizens, pedestrians and cyclists. • reduce the number of personal and seriously injured collisions • reduce congestion and emissions • Support improved air quality and the public realm
A19	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply:</p>	<p>Somerford Primary School Resourced Provision</p>	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet agreed with the proposal to establish a new Resourced Provision for primary aged school children with SEND at Somerford Primary School with effect from 1 April 2026.</p> <p>Voting: Unanimous</p>

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	No Open		<p>Portfolio Holder: Children, Young People, Education and Skills</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>To ensure sufficient school places for children with special educational needs in the Somerford and wider Christchurch area. Establishing a new 16-place Resourced Provision on the Somerford Primary School site will strengthen the Council's strategy of supporting children with additional needs within mainstream education. This provision will combine the benefits of a mainstream school environment with tailored specialist support, enabling children with Education, Health and Care Plans to access high-quality learning and achieve their full potential.</p>
A21	<p>Status: Recommendations Approved</p> <p>Call-in to apply: No</p> <p>Open</p>	Best Start in Life Local Plan	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet noted: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the continued development and publication of BCP Council's <i>Best Start in Life Local Plan</i> to meet the statutory requirement for all local authorities to publish a plan by 31 March 2026; (b) the use of the <i>Best Start Family Hub delivery grant</i> and associated external funding streams to build workforce capacity, strengthen evidence-based interventions and enable consistent delivery of the expanded Best Start offer; (c) the establishment and phased implementation of <i>Best Start Family Hubs</i>, beginning with Boscombe as the first site and a second site in the west locality; and (d) the continued partnership governance arrangements, including oversight by the Early Help Partnership Board, to ensure coordinated delivery across Children's Services, Health, Early Years, Public Health and wider partners. <p>Voting: Unanimous</p>

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