

Notice of Cabinet



Date: Thursday, 26 March 2026 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:

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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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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

18 March 2026

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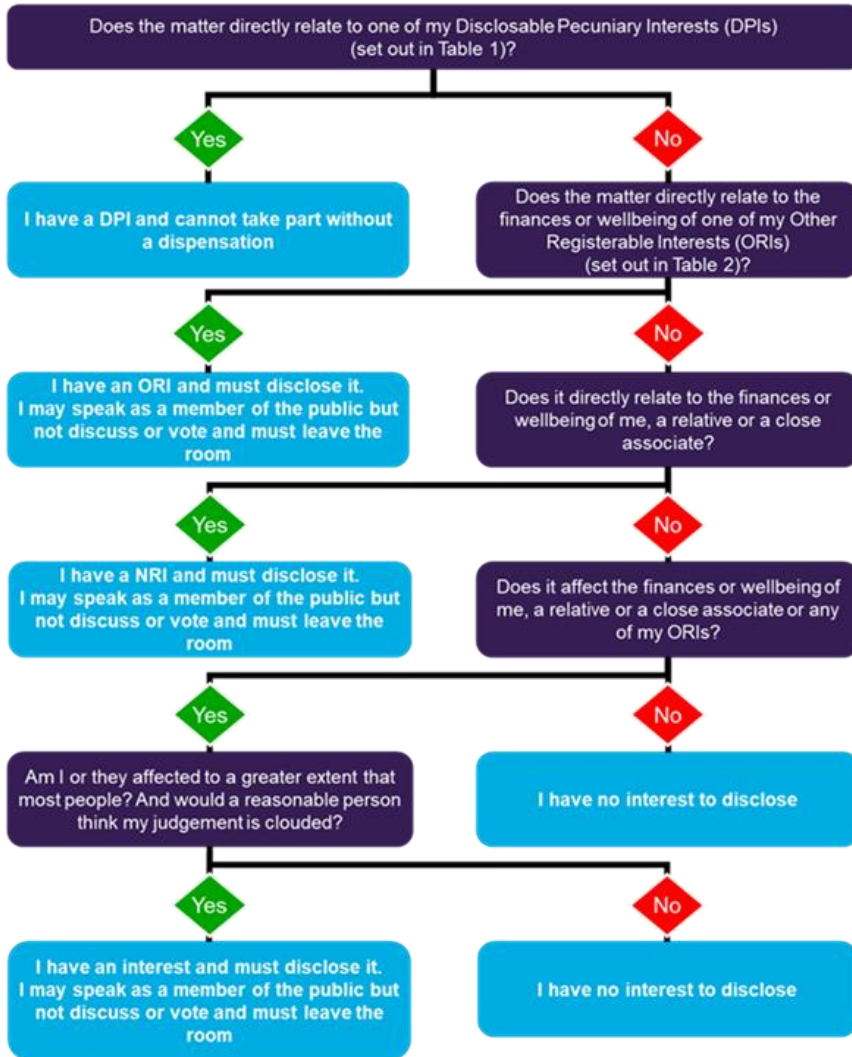


Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

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

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 4 March 2026.

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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 Friday 20 March 2026 [12 noon, 3 clear working days before the meeting].

The deadline for the submission of a statement is mid-day Wednesday 25 March 2026 [mid-day the working day before the meeting].

The deadline for the submission of a petition is Thursday 12 March 2026 [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 Public Waste Bin Provision Policy

To seek adoption of a *BCP Council Public Waste Bin Provision Policy* which establishes a consistent, evidence-based approach to the provision, management and servicing of litter and dog-waste bins across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

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7. BCP Homes Asset Management Strategy

The Asset Management Strategy sets out BCP Homes' approach to managing approximately 9,600 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) properties, including dwellings, leasehold properties, garages, communal areas and associated assets. The strategy outlines how the Council will

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maintain, invest in and improve its housing stock over the next five years (2025/26–2030/31), while aligning with wider corporate objectives and preparing for long-term sustainability challenges.

8. Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2025-26

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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 businesses ward level information as a planning tool to support access or expansion of places, while highlighting areas of focus or concern.

With significant government expansion of early years childcare now fully embedded this information and data is vital for private businesses seeking to enter the market and help the Council fulfil its ongoing statutory duties and the content of the assessment concludes that the Council is meeting its statutory duties.

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

9. Children in Care Outline Business Case

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This report presents the Children in Care (CiC) Invest to Save Proposal, a targeted programme to deliver savings against the 2026/27 Children in Care budget of £54.84m by reducing the number of children in care and lowering the overall cost of placements, while maintaining strong outcomes and stability for children and young people.

The programme will accelerate delivery of strategic and operational actions to safely manage demand and secure sustainable cost reductions. It provides a structured approach to delivering both immediate savings and longer-term financial resilience within Children's Services.

Approval is sought to procure specialist support over a six-month period to support implementation of a phased delivery strategy. An investment of £0.561m is required. The programme is expected to deliver at least £2.0m savings by 2027/28 and establish a sustainable platform for the continued reduction in demand and cost.

10. South West Flood & Coastal shared service

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BCP Council have hosted the South West Flood & Coastal (SWFaC) shared service with East Devon District Council for nearly 2 years and operate a multitude of partnership/cooperation agreements with other risk management authorities ([South West Flood and Coastal](#)). Dorset Council have confirmed (3 March Cabinet) they would like to propose joining SWFaC, entering into the shared service for all Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) activities, in recognition of the mutual benefits that will bring.

The Shared Service Agreement (SSA) will set a framework where Dorset Council can fund a proportion of the service net cost with Dorset Council staff integrating under the existing SWFaC management structure.

The proposal aligns with our SWFaC service vision and is fully supported by the Environment Agency (EA) who have the strategic overview for national FCERM delivery. It will improve the ability of all participating Councils to make our communities more resilient to climate change.

11. Exclusion of Press and Public

In relation to the item of business appearing below, the Committee is asked to consider the following resolution: -

‘That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs such interest in disclosing the information.’

12. Adjudication Update

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To consider a report on the adjudication update.

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

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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.