

Notice of Council



Date: Tuesday, 25 February 2025 at 7.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, BCP Civic Centre, Bournemouth BH2 6DY

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Cllr L Dedman

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Cllr M Andrews
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Cllr V Ricketts
Cllr C Rigby
Cllr K Salmon
Cllr J Salmon
Cllr P Sidaway
Cllr P Slade
Cllr T Slade
Cllr V Slade
Cllr M Tarling
Cllr T Trent
Cllr O Walters
Cllr C Weight
Cllr L Williams
Cllr K Wilson
Cllr G Wright

All Members of the Council 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 attend or view the live stream of this meeting at the following link: <https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Mid=6074>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Democratic Services on 01202 096660 or democratic.services@bcpCouncil.gov.uk

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GRAHAM FARRANT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

17 February 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 11 February 2025.

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4. Announcements and Introductions from the Chairman

To receive any announcements from the Chairman.

5. 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 3 clear working days before the meeting (Wednesday 19 February 2025.)

The deadline for the submission of a statement is mid-day the working day before the meeting (Monday 24 February 2025.)

The deadline for the submission of a petition is 10 working days before the meeting (Monday 10 February 2025.)

6. Petition: Stop the closure of Redhill Paddling Pool

Council is advised that a petition with 2000+ valid signatures has been received from Ms Joscelyn Holbrook requesting:

“We the undersigned petition the council to stop the closure of Redhill paddling pool and secure it's long term future with sustainable funding.

Every year, thousands of parents bring their children to Redhill Park to enjoy the paddling pool. This well-loved family activity has become a cherished tradition for many residents in Bournemouth over the years. However, due to Council cuts, residents are facing the paddling pool permanently closing.

The decision to no longer financially support BCP pools has been met with dismay by the local community. Redhill paddling pool is not just a place for

children to have fun, it supports the local café and is a destination people want to visit to allow children to play.

Residents understand that budget constraints are real, however, believe there must be other ways to address these financial challenges without depriving the community of such an essential amenity. Residents urge the Council to reconsider their decision and explore alternative funding solutions.

We, taxpaying residents are not happy at this decision to no longer fund the pool. Council tax is rising but we are seeing less and less for our money. The playgrounds have significantly deteriorated due to lack of funding over the years. The pool is such as well used community asset it needs to be saved from permanent closure.”

In accordance with the Constitution a petition with 2,000 + signatures will be referred for debate at a meeting of full Council. Council is asked to consider the petition and to determine next steps.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Recommendations from Cabinet and Committees

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| <p>7. Recommendations from Cabinet 10 December 2024 - Minute No 88 - BCP Council Plan for Play</p> <p>RECOMMENDED that Council: -</p> <p>(c) The allocation of £548,047 of capital funds from various planning obligations and reserves to the Improvement Plan;</p> <p>(d) The allocation of £3,390,609 from Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy to the Improvement Plan; and</p> <p>(e) Both (c) and (d) are subject to receiving the subsequent endorsement of the Director of Finance based on the availability of the necessary cash.</p> <p>Note: Resolutions a) to c) were resolved matters by Cabinet.</p> | <p>21 - 304</p> |
| <p>8. Recommendations from Cabinet 10 December 2024 - Minute No. 90 - Hawkwood Road Phase 2</p> <p>RECOMMENDED that Council: -</p> <p>(a) approve option 1 for the Hawkwood Road development scheme for 68 units and a clinical facility at a total scheme cost of £28.7m (preferred option);</p> <p>(b) approve option 2 (fully residential) to be delivered at total scheme cost of £26.6m in the event we are unable to deliver Option 1 (the mixed-use scheme which includes the clinical facility);</p> <p>(c) approve the financial strategy for the scheme for both options inclusive of borrowing level over 50 years from both the</p> | <p>305 - 352</p> |

Housing Revenue Account and the General Fund;

- (d) approve the procurement of construction works of Hawkwood Road Ph2 through an open and competitive tender for the preferred option, subject to securing Homes England Affordable Housing Grant and a viable HRA business plan;**
- (e) approve of the delegation to the Chief Operations Officer in conjunction with the Director of Finance and the Director of Law& Governance authority to enter contracts for building works, the Memorandum of Understanding with the NHS Dorset and the lease for the Clinical Facility, providing all key parameters (including delivery within approved capital budget) are met;**
- (f) Approval of the appropriation of part of the main Hawkwood Road south site for housing purposes under section 19 of the Housing Act 1985 following its appropriation for planning purposes, once the required car parking area has been formally closed; and**
- (g) Approval of the transfer of the land to be held for housing purposes from the General Fund (GF) to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for an appropriate certified financial consideration.**

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| 9. Recommendations from Cabinet 10 December 2024 - Minute No. 94 - Transforming Urgent and Emergency Care Services
RECOMMENDED that Council: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Notes the summary of the diagnostic review, including improved outcomes for residents and financial benefits for the Council.(b) Notes that anticipated benefits are significantly in excess of costs to the Council.(c) Delegates to the Corporate Director for Wellbeing, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, the Director of Law and Governance and the Director of Finance, authority to finalise and enter into the Partnership Agreement to undertake the proposed transformation programme. | 353 - 382 |
| 10. Recommendations from Licensing Committee 12 December 2024 - Consideration of revised Scrap Metal Dealer Policy 2025-2030
RECOMMENDED that: -
The Scrap Metal Dealer Policy 2025-2030 be approved. | 383 - 402 |
| 11. Recommendations from Audit and Governance Committee 27 January 2025 - Minute No. 64 - Increased Borrowing - Hawkwood Road and Housing Delivery Council Newbuild Housing and Acquisition Strategy (CNHAS)
Hawkwood Road:
RECOMMENDED to Council that: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Approval of an increase in the authorised borrowing limit of the Council to accommodate the £6.1m in the HRA for social rent/shared | 403 - 408 |

ownership and £3.2m in the general fund of prudential borrowing for Option 1 of this scheme and the proposal in the business cases for the financing of this debt;

OR

b) Approval of an increase in the authorised borrowing limit of the Council to accommodate the £6.9m in the HRA for social rent/shared ownership of prudential borrowing for Option 2 of this scheme and the proposal if the business cases for the financing of this debt Option 1 cannot be delivered.

(Recommendation c) has been deferred, pending further investigation and due diligence. The recommendation will be brought to a future meeting of Council in due course.)

12. Recommendations from Cabinet 5 February 2025 - Minute No. 115 - Phase 2 - Council Sustainable Fleet Management Strategy and Fleet Replacement Programme

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RECOMMENDED that Council: -

- (d) Approve the phase two fleet replacement programme of £19.857m over 3 years;
- (e) Approve the use of £18.692m new prudential borrowing for the Fleet Replacement Plan and the capital investment necessary in increasing associated EV charging infrastructure recognising the impact of this on the annual revenue budget requirement; and
- (f) Approve use of capital receipts from the sales of vehicles of £1.165m to fund part of the phase 2 fleet replacement plan.

Note: resolutions a) to c) were resolved matters by Cabinet.

13. Appointment to Outside Bodies

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Council is asked to approve the appointments of Councillors to external bodies.

14. Questions from Councillors

The deadline for questions to be submitted to the Monitoring Officer is Wednesday 19 February 2025.

15. Notices of Motions in accordance with Procedure Rule 10

1. Motion to Expand the Scope of the Public Inquiry into Failings Leading to Violent Crimes

The following motion submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 of the Meeting Procedure Rules has been proposed by Councillor J Salmon and seconded by Councillor S Armstrong.

Council Notes:

- 1. The Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, has ordered a public inquiry into

the failures that allowed Axel Rudakubana to commit the Southport killings, with a focus on systemic failings across multiple agencies, including Prevent, social services / children's services , and the justice system.

2. The tragic murder of Thomas Roberts in Bournemouth by Lawangeen Abdulrahimzai, a convicted murderer who had evaded detection despite being wanted for murder in Serbia and having a history of violent behaviour, also raises serious questions about systemic failures in asylum, policing, social services / children's services and border security.
3. The UK government has committed to an internal Home Office review into the red flags missed in Abdulrahimzai's case, but this falls short of the independent public scrutiny required to fully understand and address the failings that led to the murder of Thomas Roberts.
4. These concerns about the shortcomings of the internal home office review and subsequent inquest into Thomas Roberts killing are felt strongly by his family who have consistently called for a full public inquiry into the circumstances of his murder.

Council Believes:

1. The failures in both the Rudakubana and Abdulrahimzai cases demonstrate serious deficiencies in the ability of UK authorities to prevent individuals, especially young people, with violent histories from posing a danger to the public.
2. A limited inquiry focusing only on the Southport killings would miss an opportunity to comprehensively assess the systemic issues across immigration control, law enforcement, and public safety agencies.
3. The families of victims, including Thomas Roberts, deserve full transparency and accountability in understanding how these tragic failures were allowed to occur and what measures will be implemented to prevent future occurrences.

Council Resolves:

To request that the Leader of the Council write to the Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, asking him to ensure that the public enquiry is comprehensive and covers all failures to ensure that future safeguards are put in place to prevent similar tragedies from occurring, and urging him to widen the scope of the public inquiry into systemic failings in the UK's handling of violent offenders to:-

- a) **Include the case of Thomas Roberts and other similar cases where institutional failings played a significant role in how events unfolded;**
- b) **Ensure that any review or inquiry examines the processes that allowed Abdulrahimzai to enter the country undetected, the adequacy of police responses to prior warnings about his behaviour, the adequacy of children's services responses to prior warnings about his behaviour and the wider implications for border security and asylum vetting procedures.**

2. Motion: Support for the Safer Phones Bill and Local Policy Development

The following motion submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 of the Meeting Procedure Rules has been proposed by Councillor J Salmon and seconded by Councillor Alasdair Keddie.

This Council notes:

- The growing concerns over the impact of smartphone use on children's wellbeing, education, and safety.
- The introduction of the Protection of Children (Digital Safety and Data Protection) Bill, known as the Safer Phones Bill, which seeks to:
 - Raise the age of internet adulthood to 16.
 - Ban smartphones in schools.
 - Empower Ofcom to regulate addictive app designs.
 - Reform how phones are marketed to children.
- International examples of proactive policies, such as France's school phone bans, Australia's age restrictions for social media, and initiatives by the Ormiston Academies Trust in England to phase out smartphone use among pupils.
- The inadequacies of the Online Safety Act (2023) in addressing smartphone addiction, underage usage, and exposure to harmful content.

This Council believes:

- Children should be protected from harmful and addictive elements of smartphone technology.
- Schools should have a clear, consistent approach to smartphone use to improve educational outcomes and wellbeing.
- Local authorities should play a role in shaping policy and advocating for stronger national protections.

This Council resolves to:

1. **Instruct the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Education and the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation, and Technology, urging them to support and champion the Safer Phones Bill.**
2. **Request that the Leader of the Council also writes to the head teachers of all local schools to encourage discussion on the implementation of stronger smartphone policies.**
3. **Establish a local task force, in collaboration with schools, parents, and relevant stakeholders, to develop a consistent, conurbation-wide policy on smartphone use in educational settings, ensuring best practices are shared and implemented.**

3. Motion: Strengthening Building Standards Through Local Authority Control

The following motion submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 of the Meeting Procedure Rules has been proposed by Councillor P Cooper and seconded by Councillor P Canavan.

This Council welcomes the Government's commitment to building high-

quality, affordable homes to address the housing crisis. It acknowledges that years of austerity and deregulation have weakened safety standards and reduced public trust. The Government's policy aims to tackle these failings by restoring accountability, ensuring that new homes are built to the highest standards and meet the needs of communities.

Council notes with concern that the deregulation of building inspection services, introduced under a previous government, shifted responsibility from Local Authorities to private entities. This change has resulted in inconsistent standards, reduced accountability, and potential conflicts of interest, as developers are permitted to select and pay their own inspectors. Council believes that restoring Local Authority oversight is essential to reverse this and ensure that homes are safe, sustainable, and built to a high quality.

This Council commits to working with other Local Authorities, trade unions, housing campaigners, and stakeholders to demand a fair, accountable system of building inspections. By strengthening local oversight we can ensure that this Government's housing policy delivers safe, high-quality homes while prioritising the needs of residents and communities.

Council therefore resolves:

That the Leader of the Council writes to the relevant Secretary of State to:-

- a) Express this Council's support to restore Local Authority Control over building inspections, reintroducing legislation that makes Local Authorities the primary enforcers of building safety and standards;**
- b) Establish proper investment and resources for Local Authority Building Control teams, enabling them to carry out thorough, independent inspections and enforce compliance effectively;**
- c) End Developer-Selected Inspections, ensuring that inspection processes are impartial, transparent, and free from financial conflicts of interest.**

16. Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution

To consider any urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution.

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.