

Notice of Council



Date: Tuesday, 25 March 2025 at 7.00 pm

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

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Cllr M Tarling
Cllr T Trent
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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.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Mid=6075>

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 March 2025

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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 26 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.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bcr=1>

The deadline for the submission of public questions is mid-day Wednesday 19 March 2025 (12 noon, 3 clear working days before the meeting).

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

The deadline for the submission of a petition is Tuesday 11 March 2025 (10 working days before the meeting).

6. Petition: Protect Christchurch Harbour

Council is advised that a petition with 2000+ valid signatures has been received from Councillor Vanessa Ricketts, requesting that:

“We the undersigned petition the council to produce and adopt a Christchurch Harbour Protect Policy now!”

Christchurch Harbour is dying! The salt marsh is disappearing and fish numbers are dwindling due to excessive pollution from the Stour and Avon. Pollution, including phosphate and nitrate levels are off the scale. We desperately need a Christchurch Harbour Protection Policy now, similar to that which protects Poole Harbour, in order to prevent the demise of this beautiful, natural estuary.

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 the next steps.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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| 7. | <p>Audit and Governance Committee 27 February 2025 - Minute No. 78 - Financial Regulations - Annual evolution for the financial year 2025/26</p> <p>RECOMMENDED that the Financial Regulations as shown in Appendix A with the minor amendments reported and approved by the Committee be referred to Council for adoption with an operational ‘go live’ date of 1 April 2025.</p> <p>In agreeing the above recommendation, the Committee noted that it may be necessary, at the discretion of the Procurement and Contract Management Team (PCM), to operationally implement some of the changes from 24 February 2025, which was the date new legislative requirements ‘go live’.</p> | 31 - 100 |
| 8. | <p>Cabinet 5 March 2025 - Minute No. 125 - Community Governance Review - Draft Recommendations</p> <p>RECOMMENDED that: -</p> <p>the Community Governance Review Task and Finish Group draft recommendations, as set out in the schedules within the attached report be approved for publication and consultation with interested parties.</p> | 101 - 704 |
| 9. | <p>Cabinet 5 March 2025 - Minute No. 128 - Our Place and Environment: Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital Programme 2025/26</p> <p>RECOMMENDED that Cabinet: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Recommends to Council approval of the 2025/26 Local Transport Plan Capital Programme as set out in Appendix A and delegates the delivery to the Director of Planning and Transport in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy and Portfolio Holder for Destination, Leisure & Commercial Operations (b) Delegates the delivery of the Active Travel Fund 5 grant to the Director of Planning and Transport in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy and Portfolio Holder for Destination, Leisure & Commercial Operations (c) Recommends to Council approval of the indicative 2026/27 and 2027/28 Highways Maintenance Programmes as set out in Appendix B | 705 - 714 |
| 10. | <p>Cabinet 5 March 2025 - Minute No. 129 - Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)</p> <p>It is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet recommends that Council: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Agree the spending priorities for Strategic CIL set out in Option 2 over the period 2024/25 to 2029/30 provided CIL income is as | 715 - 762 |

forecast; and

- (b) Annually update this report for Cabinet and Council.

11. Cabinet 5 March 2025 - Minute No. 130 - Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)

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RECOMMENDED that: -

- (a) Cabinet recommends to Council acceptance of the £5.722m Bus Service Improvement Plan funding for 2025/26 from the Department for Transport
- (b) Cabinet recommends to Council to Delegate delivery of the BSIP programme, developed in conjunction with the Enhanced Partnership Board, to the Service Director for Planning and Transport in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Mitigation, Energy and Environment
- (c) Cabinet agrees and recommends to Council a full review of all subsidised local bus service contracts ahead of the planned commencement of the withdrawal of the Bus Subsidy budget starting in 2026/27

12. Cabinet 5 March 2025 - Minute No. 133 - Children's Services Capital Strategy 2025/26-2027/28

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RECOMMENDED that Council agree the capital programme as set out in the report, including the budget allocations set against the capital funding available for the period 2025/26 – 2026/27.

13. Notices of Motions in accordance with Procedure Rule 10

Rebirth of Youth Services

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 S Carr-Brown

This Council Notes That

- 1. The Government announced in November 2024 the development of a National Youth Strategy to give young people the opportunity to co-produce the strategy to support services, facilities and opportunities they need outside the school gates to benefit their lives and future.
- 2. Local Authority spending on youth provision has reduced by 73% since 2010 which equates to £1 billion less being spent on young people each year.
- 3. A distinction should be made between youth work as a professional relationship-based approach that empowers young people, and simply working with young people, which may not centre their needs, voices, or long-term development.

This Council Believes That:

- 1. A strong, strategically funded youth service is essential for the well-

being, safety, and future opportunities of young people in BCP.

2. Youth voice must be embedded across all decision-making structures to ensure policies reflect the lived experiences, needs, and aspirations of young people.
3. A clear distinction between youth work and working with young people must be understood and upheld in policy and practice, ensuring that youth work is valued as a professional, developmental process.

This Council Resolves To:

- a) **Publicise the Government's national survey which asks young people to respond by 9 April 2025.**
- b) **Develop a BCP strategic plan for the rebirth of youth services, ensuring that youth work is recognised, funded, and properly resourced.**
- c) **Establish a Youth Futures Hub, in line with the Government's strategy, to directly engage young people in shaping local policies and decisions, ensuring meaningful representation at all levels of governance.**
- d) **To ask the Children's Overview & Scrutiny Committee to conduct a review of existing current youth provision, identifying gaps and opportunities for investment in professional youth work, detached youth work, and community-based youth services.**

14. Questions from Councillors

The deadline for questions to be submitted to the Monitoring Officer is Monday 17 March 2025.

15. 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.